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1st day 6th — Attended meeting AM & PM at "Friends" house Nantucket — AM also there — Sister Mary & Frank at the Episcopal — Edw.d & Thos. with me — the rest of the day spent in reading &c at home — after the usual attention to the children after the 1/2 meal, I called at our neighbors to see Welcome Greene and his wife returning at 5 p.m. when I found our Pd Judge Prescott here — I called before tea to see Mother — who is well for her years — She was at their little meeting at the Lyceum to day

2d day 7th — Engaged without much intermission at the Cg. house whither I intended to continue my labors in the ev.g but a call from our Cousin James Arnold prevented the fulfilment of this design — he spent the first of the ev.g in Father Paine's room — M. H. Pugg is in Town having come from Fall River to join some of us in a jaunt to Nantucket to investigate the facts relative to the trespass on the Pulpit manufactory belong.g to Ray

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[illegible] father's estate —

3d. day 8th. After despatching some preliminary business, I set off in my sulky for Evesham — Brother Benj.a having taken Micah in his Carriage and started previously, with the intention of taking Pardon Tabor with them as he is more familiar with the facts of the case from his former ownership of the property, than any one else to whom we can readily apply — We arrived at the Iron a little beyond the Mans. about 11¼ O'Clk and immediately repaired to the mill examined the State of the Water, the Site of the temporary dam at the lower extremity of our territorial limits on the Stream, — the great dam — and at noon had the Works stopped to measure the Water on the Wheel occasioned by the flowage from the dam of the Iron Works below — We found the depth of Water in front of the wheel on the "apron" thirteen Inches, we meas-

and the distance that the water had
sunk at the eastern or lower edge of the small
bridge which crosses the tail race by
the side of the mill, at the distance probably of 40 or 50 feet from the wheel, after
the Gate had been shut down, and found
it to be five Inches — On reference to a
rock in the main Stream by the flowage
on which the workmen judged of the height
of the dam below, they stated, and it appeared by the part exposed which was
turned to a darker color by the action of
the water than the summit which was
not often flowed over — that the water
was two inches lower than usual — This
statement was also very satisfactorily corroborated by the appearance of the margin of ice which skirted the pond
from which the water had sunk as
appeared by actual measurement by
R. Tober two Inches — It appeared therefore by combining the facts observed that
the height of water which impeded the
action of the Main Wheel when we

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arrived at the Mill was 13 + 5 = 18 in.,
making no allowance for the greater accumulation of water while the wheel was in action, at the Scite of the wheel than at the eastern or lower edge of the small bridge before mentioned. — to which if we add the two inches at which the pond of the lower works was below its general level we have 20 Inches, as the flowage to the detriment of the Paper manufactory occasioned by the dam of the Iron Works — But the fall on our land viz from the Paper mill wheel to the bridge crossing the Road about 30 Rods below, is three feet as stated by Pardon Tabor who visited a temporary dam at the blacksmiths shop near that bridge, at the time that Bartlett Murdock was building the dam of the Iron works, to prevent his losing it by the operation of the Statute relating to Mill dams — S^d temporary Dam having been completed some days before the dam of the lower works flowed

over it — or to it — as can be unequivocally proved, as Pardon States, by numerous witnesses to the fact, as well as by a record to the same purport in Book of Records of the Town — The fact is however denied by George Howland the Owner of the Iron Works and those who were formerly concerned with him in their erection — and can only be conclusively settled by an appeal to a Court of Law — After dining at "Burbanks" we walked over the land belonging to the Estate east of the Stream, embracing as Pardon supposes about 60 acres of this land most ly covered with a small growth of pitch Pine — visited "Kinneys" Stone mill next on the Stream above the Paper Mill, in which "Privilege" the proprietor or occupant of the Iron Works, is concerned, one on which as they assert our Dam flows the water to some extent — On enquiry of the head workman, he showed the point in their water way which was exactly the height of the "Coffer" of the old Mill on the Scite

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when the dam was 100 or more feet higher up on the Stream, over which the flowage in his opinion then was about three inches — This flowage was believed by P. Faber to be wholly owing to the Water from their wheel which ran immediately into the main Stream — The actual height of this "Privilege" was stated by a Mr. Lincoln who formerly owned the mill seats next above, as ascertained by the records which he had consulted ~~does~~ is but 5 ft. 8 in. but they operate as he informed us under a head of 8 feet, flowing of course 2 ft. 4 in on the other right — We set off on our return about 3/4 Pst and reached home myself 5 h — the others who stopped at P. Fabers, about 6. — After tea I attended the 1st lecture of the Rev. Mr Upton of Salem introductory to a short course on Biography & history which he has been engaged to deliver before the Lyceum. The lecture this ev. was on the great leading characteristics of the past and present

ages — The grand idea or sentiment which occupied the greatest minds and shaped the manners and literature of the different periods — War — luxury Metaphysics of the Schoolmen Religion Fanaticism — Benevolence & Utility — the latter being the characteristic of the present age. Such is history — in fact or illustration being now of commanding interest — the barren points of disputation which engaged the acutest & most powerful minds of past ages having now no attraction to screen the learned and subtle disquisitions of the Metaphysical age from neglect and a gathering oblivion — although they afford one of the most striking monuments of the vigor & acuteness of the human intellect — And because the attention of the present age is strongly turned to the real and the true, to the great drama of real life throughout the world that fiction however ingenious will not claim attention unless it ministers by way of illustration to this pervading idea — hence the age of Epics is past and literature of the age must approximate to historical truth in fact

7o illustration — 12m° 1839 The lecture was well attended

4th. day 9th. Occupied a considerable part of the forenoon in relation to the business of yesterday in consultation with others of the heirs — I also saw Geo. Howland who says with our views, so widely different from his any attempt at compromise must fail and therefore he declines making any proposition for an adjustment — Afternoon at the Cg. House, Sister being at Sister Annis's at tea, and our children having some of their little friends to visit them Wm. & Wm. C. Read, Cornelia Grinnell & Ellen Rodman — and our boys being out till quite dark on a Skating expedition — their mother became uneasy and sent to the Cg. House for me — I therefore passed the eve. at home — the early part of it in Father's room — M. H. Rugg's & D. Read were there the latter part of the eve.

5th. day 10th. Attended to Cg. house duties through the day, eve. at Mrs. Upton's 2d. lecture which was on the character of Hugh Peters — one of the earliest settlers of New Engla

for several years a preacher of Salem, a man of great powers, activity, patriotism and courage — he returned to the mother Country as agent of the Colonies — took part in the contest between the king & the Parliament, being a very efficient partisan of the latter — after the restoration he was ejected. meeting his fate with Christian courage & resignation — The lecture represented the influence of his remarkable energy & public spirit, as still visible in the character of the population of New England and particularly of Salem in the extraordinary enterprise in commercial operations for which they have ever been remarkable — Sent of the evg. at home — Sister & Mary being at Elder Grinnells, the boys engaged with their studies Ma chose to only accompanied me to the lecture with which she as well as myself was highly pleased. 6th day 11th Occupied in the morning in bringing up the arrears of this journal, occasioned by the omission to provide sooner a book for its continuance — Remainder

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of the day at the C.g. house, evg. at a Meeting of the Ex^ve Board of the A.S.P. Soc^y. for the N^l. Inst^n. of Sea^n. to consider the Subject of a Boarding house for Seamen — The Mtg. was well attended and it was decided to attempt to carry the plan of a Suitable building reported by the Com^ee into effect, by appointg. a Com^ee to solicit Subscriptions of our Citizens to the Amo. of $9000 which was deemd sufficient for procuring a lot and erecting and furnishing a Suitable building — The Engage^t. which I was under at the Port Society prevented my joining till late in the evg. — Mr. Chen & Sister, Mary & Ed^d at James Arnold's when they took tea with the addition only of B & W. Scotch —

9th day 17th. Devoted the day almost exclusively to C.g. House occupations remaining there through the evg. to keep up with the business which accumu-

dated at this season — Mrs Chew H
took tea and spent the eve. at Bro.
Benjamins and I went there to attend
his home — The roads are now extreme
ly muddy the frost being almost en-
tirely out of the ground — and the
ice nearly gone from the River above
the bridge the harbor below having
been quite clear of it for several
days —

2nd day 13th. Attended meetings A.M & P.M
at Friends house, with the two elder
boys. their mother and two young sisters
were there also in the morning. Attended
at the Episcopal where Rev Mr Chew
H in the afternoon also. at the Sunday
School — between meetings Geo.
F. Hussey & Geo Howland & Chs. Wilson
gan called to see father, and Benj.
& Capt. E. Tallman were here at the
close of the afternoon meeting — Staid
with Mrs Chew H. at P.R. Roberts
Mrs — Their little boy is now again
& there seems no prospect of his

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recovery — I called at Mothers & A Robeson's in the ev'g — after the usual reading with the Children

2d day 14th. Attended to some C.J. house business before breakfast — after breakfast I went with C.M. Morgan with his horses in my Carriage to attend the Qu'y. Mg. & the Pocasset man. C.J. at Fall River — Benj. Wm. & Andw. were also there — we dined at the Pocasset House and returned a little after 6 P.M. — Walter Stetchell and little Gw. Greene were with us at tea and Spent the ev'g — with our children, the elder at their Studies, the younger at their Sports — I Spent the ev'g. reading J. an. Anne. at home

3d day 15th — Spent the day in assiduous attention to the details of C.J. House duties and except the hour Spent in coming to the House through a little unexpected by detained on the way till the hour

of the ~~Inst~~ ——— meeting for M^r Up

3^d lecture to accompany my family to hear it on which occ^n they declined going to it with me, — I say with the exception of the time thus occupied and in attending 3^d lecture the whole day I was given to my C^y house duties, The examination and discharge of annual accounts which have accrued the past year for the ~~support~~ support of my family, — which with my habitual attention and endeavor to keep them within moderate limits & well to a large amount, so large that there are very few of the Salaries of the officers of our Genl Govt — not one of our State Govt that would be adequate to liquidate it — By the favor of Providence I have, but not without difficulty, hitherto been blessed with the prosperity immediate or derived from the prosperity of my father aided by the economical habits which characterized his domestic establishment, through

as liberal as the [illegible] times and his position in Society required necessary to meet the increasing though in some measure conventional wants of my family.—

4th day 16th Spent the morning before breakfast at home and the rest of the day & till 9 PM. with High exception in the discharge of my business at the C.H. House, principally in relation to the Estate of my father, called on my return home at Brothers. who I found was not quite well having something of the pain in her chest to with which the last of late years been liable — requiring great & prompt attention to prevent serious illness. at this advanced stage of her life

5th day 17th Spent the Mg. in reading the News, with which my recent C.H. house occupations had brot me much in arrear — afterwards called at Brothers

and A Roberson & C. M. Morgan C. J. hours
in relation to my accounts as executor.
which brought me late at Bay C. J. hours
when the rem. of the day (except dinner) till
about the hour of lecture was passed when I went home
calling at Mothers on my way to leave
my final accounts with the Fishes under
the Document appended to my Fathers will
closed with the View for her signature
of approval. to attend my family to
the concluding lecture on the Character
& history of Roger Williams. This was
well attended — by the account of Mr
Upham, though a learned and honest
man he was characterised by such ex-
centricities and changes of opinion all
of which he acted out with his usual
vehemence that while we must
respect him for some of his leading
opinions, such as his denial of the right
of the Civil authority to interfere in mat-
of opinion. and for toleration of all
religious persuasions — errors of belief
while not interfering with the social

and personal rights of others to be met and overcome only by the appropriate weapons of reason & argument — Of the truth of which principle, though with some other less important propositions it brought upon him the censure of the Colonists generally and finally procured an act of banishment by the Gen'l Court — which occasioned his voluntary withdrawal from the jurisdiction of Mass. to by penetrating the Wilderness with few if any companions in the depth of winter. he lived to lay the foundation of a practical demonstration. in the Colony of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations which he founded & which has since been established, and confirmed beyond the possibility of disturbance. The benefits of which it is to be presumed will be felt through all times and enjoyed by unborn millions — and rightfully confer immortal honor on Roger Williams when the eccentricities and foibles which

deemed to carry him to the very verge
of Insanity shall be forgotten or re-
membered only as the regular Constitutional transi-
tory and human infirmity ——
Mother still feels the oppression at
her Chest but does not confine herself
to her room
6th. day 18th. Attended to business en-
gagements after the morning which was
devoted to reading the News Called at Mothers
found her no better. The pain in her Chest
more severe on moving so that She had
concluded to remain in her bed — her
attachment to the Thompsonian practice
makes her yet decline the attendance
of D. Read though I deem She will find
it necessary to resort to more enlight-
ened and judicious treatment than
the empyricism of Thompson and
his ignorant followers can supply
— Spent the day in Cs house dur-
ing & after the Call at Mothers — except
some time at a book Store Pd
to find a Slight but useful memento,

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to mark the 15th birth day Cunnecia
ry of our bd. — & his sister — who had
a party of their young friends to visit
them at tea & in the ev. — which
was passed in cheerful amusements
which their own resources and buoyant
spirits suggested & supplied — The light
heartedness of Childhood will soon give
place to feeling and emotions of a
graver & less transient character may
there be a substitute which will ever
hereafter give occasion for pain and
regret in the contrast of their later
with their early years —

7th day 19th Spent the Mg. in bringing up
the arrears of news, which my accumulated en
gagements since the commencement of the
New year obliged me to post pone, called
at my brother Wm. C. Howe on business. al
so at Mothers to enquire after her health
— found her much as yesterday, not
any better — Spent the afternoon and
ev. in C. Howes duties — whence I re-
turned home at ½ past 10 & accompanied

Ma Chen H to T. R. Robeson's where she was engaged to watch with the little boy who continues without much change in the main — for a few days past better than previously but yet giving little encouragement to hope for his recovery 1st day 20th Called at B. M. Morgan's at the G. House & A. Robeson's on an errand before Meeting — Attended A. M. & P. M. at the Spg. Street house, called after the 2d to see Mother, who thinks herself a little better, or at least so as not yet to be disposed to call a regular Physician to see her — by great care and the use of such applications as she has heretofore found beneficial I hope she may soon be relieved — Our nephews little boy continues about the same as for some days past. After the usual reading with the Children our neighbors Thos. H. Green's family, including himself who returned last eve. from Legislative duties to spend a day or two, his wife & Welcome & Caroline called and spent an hour with us

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Matthias Howland. called between 9 & 10 A.M. & T. A. G. made part of his visit to father Prior in his room

2d. day 21st. Rose according to my usual practice about 5 h & attended to the Nursery fire that the room might be warm for the Children & to be dressed in & after writing up my journal for yesterday went to the G. house to make my fire and endeavor before breakfast to discover the error which the balance of my Cash acct. on 7th day evg. appeared to indicate — I however was unsuccessful returned to breakfast. afterward called at Uncle William Rotch's to get the refusal of the lot North of the Masonic Church for a Boarding house for Seamen. his absence last week at Boston having prevented my getting a definite answer to the application which I was instructed to make in relation to it by the Port Society's Cm. B. — made a call on Uncle Obed who committed to him & his wife on their return &

afterward accompanied the latter in a walk down Street, & he called with me to enquire after mothers health — found that she had had Dr Read to see her last evg and was about the same — I then called at the Bank and Merch.ts &c & then gave notice to my associates or the Com.rs of the Port Surg of a Mtg. in the afternoon at that place — I then called at bro.r Wm & Ch.s C. Jones & afterward repaired to my own when I remained till the dinner hour — after dinner went to the Mtg of the Com.rs of the Port Surg — when the form of a heading to the proposed subscription Paper for funds to establish a Seamens Home was indicated. I then repaired to my C. House and drew it up in two forms — One in that of an unconditional gift the other providing for refunding the proceeds of the indictment to the subscribers if within a given number of years the Experiment of promoting the interest of Seamen in this way should have failed and the building &c

be told for any purpose foreign to the original design — then returned to tea. our Cousin Eliz. Arnold was with us. on Mary took tea at Jos. Rotch's to compensate for the disappointment which she felt in some slight degree for not being allowed to attend the Fancy ball this evg. at her uncle Wil[m]s — the first of the kind ever attempted in this place — an innovation on the previous modes of social intercourse which I think promises no advantage — except making an errand to my uncle Wm to get his name at the head of the Subscription paper for the object before mentd — in which I did not succeed as he was out at home — I spent the evg. at home — Jas. Arnold calling in the latter stage of the evg — for his daughter — protracting it however till a late hour — which I am satisfied in thinking was more pleasantly & profitably spent than it would have been

at the exhibition at my brothers —
— I have been thus minute by way of
illustrating by contrast the brevity of my
usual ~~diary~~ notes.

3d. day 22 Went to the Cg. house before breakfast, afterwards called at Uncle Wms. Heavenrich to find Jas. Arnold relative to their subscription to the proposed Board house for Seamen — Rem: of the day principally at the Cg. House when a considerable time was spent in conference to the projected establishment, J. Arnold called on me after dinner on the same subject — Attended the Lecture of W. Upham with my two eldest sons in the evg. Mechanics Hall Mary designed to attend but an unusual fall of snow made overshoes desirable — the delay in finding them ~~occasioned a delay~~ which discouraged them from going — I remained at the Cg. house so as to reach home 1/4 before seven omitting tea with the family, to take it after the Lecture or otherwise as circumstances dictated that the short days & pressing business of this season of the year might be made to accord as far as

possible in time & am — The lecture was on Geo Downing one of the first graduates of Harvard College, who went to England in the time of Cromwell and acted a prominent part in the struggle between the Parliament & the King & in the Politics & Diplomacy of the Rebellion afterward both under the Protector & the King — he was a man of great talents & address but his agency in bringing some of first & warmest friends with whom he had acted in his earlier Career to Capital Punishment after the restoration has cast an indelible stain over his memory —

4th day 23. devoted the day principally to Cg. Home duties — called several times on Mothers who continue quite ill. the D. (Read) calling her attack Pleurasy — The weather extremely cold towards Eg. and the first N. W. Wind driving the light snow which fell this Mg. before it made very uncomfortable abroad so much so that Mr Upham's lecture

on the Navigation act which Geo Downing the subject of the preceding lecture was so instrumental in establishing and sustaining was less fully attended than the preceding — — few women comparatively choosing to brave the exposure of the transit from their homes to the lecture room — The subject was made very interesting by the lecturer and his fervid imagination ascribed an influence and anticipated results of the most wonderful character to the British Nation to Europe & the world to reach from its enactment through all time to the policy which was then established — Ascribing to that act the unrivalled prosperity of England, her supremacy as queen of the Ocean — and predicting the extension of Her language literature science & the Spirit of her institutions over the whole world — when the confusion of tongues which takes its date from the builders of Babel shall cease and her language shall be the only substitute of that which was originally given to man

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Whether or not his predictions are entitled to much confidence — I think he proved that its effects hitherto have been most important to England & prejudicial to Holland who was before that period the Mistress of the Sea & the Comt Emporium of the World — I called at Mothers after the lecture, assisted in fitting in the Double windows on the East side of her room to guard her from the severity of the weather, called afterward at A. Robeson's & O.W. Morgans relative to their subscriptions towards the establishment by the Port Soc.y. of a Commodious Board.g. house for Seamen —

5th. day 24th attended the Mg.g of Bk. Directors, and spent the day principally at the Co. House, calling to see Mother on my return abt. 9 — She appeared about as last evg. She thought perhaps a little better — On reaching home found Cousin J Arnold & Uncle Dean about finishing a Call as on route — of about an hour — Sister confined

to fathers room — by the absence of Henry and 3 of the female domestics, at the Marriage of Sophia Manly who was several years in our family

6th. day 25th. Occupied before breakfast in writing & reading — then repaired to the Cg house stopping at C. H. Morgans & A Ri Cg. rooms for some consultation re the proposed occupancy or lease of the Lyman Farm &c. on my way Gave some attention to the petition to sustain the legislation at the last session re the Licence law and Spent the rem.r of the time till the dinner hour in the ord.y duties — Pa called at my wifes request to look at some books of an old library on sale at Auction and called at Mathers where I was detained till dark waiting for preparation & aids to move my mother who is still afflicted without much abatement with her Pleuretic attack — then Spent a couple of hours at the Cg house, took mattress on my return to assist at the R — moving of her & after

a light supper went to Cousin J. Robbs
Where ma Cherritt & the two elder Chil-
dren had taken tea — & when I was
invited — to attend them home &c
7th 26th — Read at home before breakfast
— Att. at the Cg. House &c. P.M. at the
Town Meeting called to act in relation
to Hayden Coggeshall's petition to the
County Court to make a slight deviation
in the road through his farm to save
a row of trees, which would in part be
destroyed by the erection of such a wall
as the deep cutting of the road in that
part has now made necessary — there
was manifested an unwarrantable op-
position on the part of some. and after
Considerable discussion the subject was
referred to a Comtt to report thereon at
an adjournment of the Mtg — of which I
was one — 1st mo. of the afternoon of 4th 2nd
till 8 O'Clk. at the Cg. House — when I
called at Mothers, and as they were late
at tea I joined in the meal — Mother
remains about the same or perhaps a

little better.

1st day 27 Attended meetings - Called after breakfast with ma Chen H at mothers with a view to leave the former to spend the forenoon and render such assistance as might be in her power — the report of her state through the night is such as to encourage the belief that she is better, and the opinion is confirmed by her state this day. With the exception stated & a call in the ev. at T. A. Greenis I passed the day at home — with my family. Le — an hour or two being given to a petition relative to the license law — to change which in its important features considerable efforts are now making throughout the State by persons interested in the traffic — Benj. T. Rotch spent the ev. with us —

2d day 28 Spent a considerable part of the forenoon at Mothers taking some instructions relative to applications for assistance to money by some of her distant connections at Easton New York

Afterward repaired to the Cg. Room & took some trouble to obtain Signatures to a Temp.a Petition on my way to dinner. P.M. devoted to same object & to Cg. & c duties, both as Mothers. with a view of her executing an instrument which she wished me to have prepared for her — but it was thought better to defer it — on returning home I found bro.r Benj.a Children & Ellen Rodman here — at the close of the exg accompd ma. chen H. to mothers to sit up —

3.d day 29th Before Breakfast went down to Mothers to attend ma chen H. homeward in the Carriage — Mother had a good night the mg. of the day was devoted to business at the Cg. House &c. Attended ma chen H & 3 Children with S.M. Morgan who was with us at tea, to hear Pr. Upham's 4th Lecture, on the biography of Timothy Pickering which was very interesting & instructive in the light in which I have always been accustomed to view him in accordance with the

high opinion which my father always entertained of him for talents integrity and patriotism — the latter concluding his eulogy — for the simple truth is the highest eulogy on a character like his — by an allusion to the resemblance between him & the ~~Roman~~ Patriot Circumnavigator ~~and between him~~ for his unimpeached and unsuspected integrity ~~to that~~ between him & the Athenian Aristides the "Just" awarding to him however for the hallowing influence which Christianity cast over his great qualities a merit "beyond all Grecian beyond all Roman fame" — Our Darling Ellen has been complaining to day was further last night so that she has been confined to the bed in the nursery — and had the attendance of Dr. Read — She does not seem however severely attacked resulting probably in part from injudicious indulgence on her part as to a late hour when her fond cousins, contrary to the wishes of her mother and aunt whose attention was in some measure diverted from her, supplying her too

to liberally with Spermaceti &c — She was partially relieved by vomiting after she was dressed in the Morn which was the first evacuation which induced us to think she was unwell — the wakefulness of the night as she was quite Cheerful & uncomplaining — not having impressed me who was with her with that idea — I hope that the Dr opinion will be verified that she will be well again in a day or two 4 th Day 30th Called at Mathers Abl & found her better, our little Ellen appears to be no worse — but little Jane, is also unwell to day, somewhat similarly affected — ~~pitiable Vomiting~~ — and slightly feverish — so that she has been on her bed in the nursery through most of the day — I have been occupied at the Cg. house — W.J. at home Uncle Dean taking tea with us. I having called to see & invite him this Day — We passed most of the Aft. in Father's room — who enjoys much the company & Conversation of his friends.

5th day 31st — Called at Mothers and found her not quite so well as yesterday, devoted the day to business at the Ex. house &c — gave some attention to the petition relative to sustaining the law relative to this traffic in Spirits and went in the eve to Mr Uphams 8th Lecture — on written Constitutions embodying the principles of individual liberty, and there sustained by the intelligence and Virtue of the people as the only protection of the freedom of Man, against the oppression of the many or the few, of the Government or Private or Society — whether Government is administered in the form of a Monarchy or Republic — King or Majorities may alike trespass on the individual rights of Minorities or Individuals — and liberty outraged equally by the powers of an unprincipled Despot or the temporary violence of an excited Populace — by a tyrant or a mob — — The Lecture abounded with

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important and deep views, great truths & sound reflections, which it is well to have presented with earnestness and power, and would that they could be in every section of this Great Republic — that all might comprehend more fully the great responsibility which rest upon them — Our two youngest daughters continue yet unwell but perhaps neither worse than yesterday — little Ellen was sick again this morning

6th day 2^{Dm} ^{o} 1 Spent the Mg. at home after breakfast called at Mothers, who is perhaps a little better, Sister Lydia set off with Bro^{r} Benj^{a} — for her home at Fall River having been with Mother nearly two weeks — Afternoon I repaired to the M. House for the Mo^{g} & the forenoon taking home Wilcox & Richmonds Work Shop in my way to get the Temp. Petition which I left there for signatures — I then had a conversation with the Senior partner

as I had before had with the Jurors and a number of the men to try to convince them of the propriety of their promoting the object by signing the remonstrance, but I had but little effect, and therefore got but few names from the number of men whom they employ — Peter attended with others of the Comm! to the business committed to us by the Town relative to Haydon Coggeshalls petition to have the Cy. Com.rs to have the road this side Jason Hitchcocks changed to save from destruction a fine row of trees which would be endangered by adhering to the present line on the east side, after viewing the premises I returned my Cy home and Education — till it was time to accompany Ma Chen H de to the Lecture by Mr Upham on the British Navigation Laws which he repeated by request of a number of individuals — The weather was unfavorable from a fall of snow & that on this occasion also the Audience was small — I left the Lecture to meet

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the Com.e on the subject of the Road at the office of the Chairman T. G. Coffin which occupied me till after 9 when I returned home

4th day 2d — At home before breakfast, the remainder of the day devoted to the business of the Potch Wharf Co. of which I am treas.r — at 2 P.M. attended the annual mtg. of S.d Comp.y at the Office of Wm. Potch Jr. when my appointment was renewed, at the close of P. M. I returned to my Co. house to write up the doings of P. M.g. of which I was Clerk, & to put the acct. books of the Comp.y in proper form — called on my return at Mothers, as I had done in the morning — She may be a little better — afterwards called to see some many whom I represented (as abbt) at the corporation mtg — and leave the book of Records and the Acct. Accounts for her examination — As she was not at home, I left the book & and called at Uncle Wm.s to converse with

him relative a change which has been suggested in the locality of the proposed Bg. House for Seamen — after returning home to a late Supper &c our little girls seem to be better, Father Prior as usual.

1st Day 3d — Attended meetings at the Spring St. House, through the day — Mo. Chen H & the 4 elder Children Attd. — P.M. Ed & Mary over at the Episcopal Ch — Mo. Chen H at home — with exception of Supt. & call of mothers I Spent the day at home reading &c — aft the sy. reading with the Children from the Bible &c I went to see my mother — she thinks herself a little better — the pain in her side being less frequently severe, but yet affecting her respiration, so that she has not been moved to day. the pain being increased by any muscular exertion — she is moved from one bed to another every two days by means of poles slid into the edges of the sheet under her — She has a little return of appetite — M. Robeson C. Lea called her P.M.

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2d day 4th — Attended the B.K. meeting having been at the C.H. house before breakfast to make an estimate of my liabilities &c — afterwards gave attention to the subject of a different location of the proposed Seamen's Board. house — failing to get the Com.e to gether — it was postponed till afternoon — and I passed the rest of the day at the C.H. house &c — P.M. attended a Mg. of the Com.e and after visiting the proposed lot on Water St. went to mother's to assist in moving her from 2 to her usual bed — then returned to the C.H. house to complete my unfinished business and then repaired to J.T. Beane's (Secretary of the Acad.y) by his request as one of the Acad.y Com.e of the Masters. he being confined to his house by ill health — he submitted his proposed classification of the School and arrangement of studies — made statements of some delinquent Scholars &c — I then came home to a late supper — Eli-

ter and the 3 elder children returning at the same time from Jo.s Rotch's where they had been visiting — Mother is improving — a nurse from Fall River procured & dispatched by Sister Lydia — arr. this eve.

3d day 5th. Occupied most of the m.g. in drawing plans for the Seamen's Boarding house in the event of a decision to place it on the lot formerly owned & occupied by Capt. Wm. Blackmer — & in consulting with reference to them so that I did not get to the C.H. home till near 4 O'Clk. having to call on Rev. Uncle Wm. Rotch Jr after dinner to get his views with reference to that situation — at 4 by appointment I repaired to the Merchants Ins. Co.s Office to meet the others of the Comtee on the subject — when it was decided by a majority vote of those present that the original location should be adhered to — I then returned to the C.H. to make some amends for absence — left about 8 — called at Mothers who is improving — and rt. home. —

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Retiring at a later hour than usual, and not being aroused by Jacob to get admittance for his morning work I was later than usual in rising, the Sun being up before I had my toilette adjusted — The reason of my not being roused as usual was that an alarm of fire had occured in the night and Henry, father Dr's attendant had passed out early. the door unfastened but without waking me or others of the family — The fire was in Whitney Coopers Shop on 1st. st. a little N. of School st which was destroyed together with a considerable qty. of new Casks & a Stock of Staves also the Stable adjacent on Ch. Street occupied by Porter Gray — The two houses East & West (the latter owned by me) were very much injured so that the expediency of repairing mine is somewhat doubtful though I incline to the affirmative opinion — The severity of the night hindered the engines

getting promptly at work so that the fire was not arrested as it would otherwise have been — the roof & east side of my house will require to be renewed — at the expense of the insurers — I called at Mothers after visiting the ruins — found the little unpaid had not been disturbed by the alarm in the night and continued to improve — the day and part of the eve I devoted to C's home duties — latter part of the eve. at home taking my supper at 9 O'clk — Our three eldest Children were on a visit at Jab. Grinnells'.

5th. Day 7th. Went to the C. house before breakfast and devoted the morn. of the day to C. Home business and visitation — Called at Mothers who continues to improve daily eve. at home having the company of our neighbors Grinnell family and Susan Howland for a time — her brother Matthew came in the eve — Another examination of the house on School St makes me doubt

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the expediency of attempt.g. its repair
6th. day 8th. Occupied at the C.H. House
through the days, Evng. at home, with
Bros & Sr. family at tea of which Helen
Morgan is at present a member
The appraisers of the damage to my
house on School Street chosen by
the Agt. of the Office & myself have
estimated it at $800 — Called at
Mothers — found her very bright
hav.g. set up an hour without
inconvenience — Ma chere H.
is again somewhat troubled with
Rheumatism — in the Shoulder &
1st. day 9th. Occupied almost exclu-
sively with C.H. Court duties through
the day — Called after tea at Sarah
Coffins to examine the accounts of
the Ladies Cloth.g. Store. — Robert
Swain took tea with us — Ed.d absent
at his uncle Morgans — Mother sat up
again to day but was considerably fa-
tigued with the effort — thought not prob-
ably to her injury.

1st. day 10th. Attended meetings AM & PM. with Edwd. & Frank at the Spring St. House — Mary & Sue with their Aunt Phebe were AM at the Episcopal Church & the first also in the afternoon — Mrs Chace H. not well enough to go out — Thos. also was at home from indisposition of body or mind probably a little of both — I called to see mother before tea & Aunt Mary after the usual 1st. day of reading — where I met Mr. T. Hazard & his wife and had an introduction to the latter for the first time though she has been some years a resident of our Town —

2d. day 11th Went to the Cg. House before breakfast and again for a short time before dinner & before tea — the day being devoted with these exceptions to the business of the proposed Cordage Company, which was unusually protracted involving the appointment of a Committee to devise a plan of avoiding altogether the individual liability during the incipient stages of the concern which the Statute provides for when the proposed Cap-

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ital to be employed should be all paid in — and though the report of the Com. was unanimous in favor of a plan which would compass this object — it was rejected, and the usual mode of proceeding decided on — In the ev. attended a lecture of Mr. Oscanyan a turk on Turkey — but with little advantage or interest — After returning home — the town was alarmed by fire — which took in Etzler's hat & fur store — but was suppressed without material injury to the building in which it originated (on Water St.) — The fire originated by the partition which divided Etzler's store from another hat store abt. 12 feet from the chimney or fireplace so that there are some suspicions that it was not by accident. Etzler's stock was insured & he left the shop about an hour before the alarm

3d day 12 Occupied part of the forenoon reading the papers at home, rem. of the

day at the C.J. House, & J. at home Geo. has an errand in relation to the repair of my house on 8th. Street — having had a conversation with John Parkhurst who gives me no reason to apprehend any increase of rent for the land unless the general advance of property shall make it obviously reasonable — or any different appropriation of it for a long term — not till his wife's children become of age at least at. 12 or 13 yrs hence — if so And probably not then — In such an event the provisions of the law will probably sufficiently protect my Interest & that of those who may hold it after me.

4th. day 13th. Attended a Mtg. of the Bank Directors called to act on the resignation of the Cash: J. H. Crocker who is about establishing himself in business in New-York or Baltimore — his resignation was accepted and further action deferred till the Mtg. of the Board tomorrow — The rem: of the forenoon was devoted to the business of the Estate and some of mother's particularly, to which her attention has been suspended or withheld on account

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of her illness. Afternoon devoted to my own & home business &c. at home principally in Father's room with Ma Chen H. Sister & the 3 elder Children being at Cousin Jas. Arnold after tea — and Father & Mary at the second lecture of the Course. for whose gratification together with that of Jared & Barbara we were very willing to resign our tickets — notwithstanding the Puff extra'y. in the "Mercury" of to day

5th day 14th Attended the M.G. of Bank Directors and Spent the remainder of the day at the Ch house. excepting a call of considerable length at Mothers' — She continues to gain Strength but not rapidly — E.F. at home. Ellen Rodman & Walter Mitchell with us at tea and S. Rodman Morgan in the ev'g — The former returned early, viz the commencement of an ev'g party at J Rotch's where her Sister was engaged, to avail of the Carriage to avoid the bad walking — Sister

Phebe spent the afternoon & eve. at Eliza Grinnell's, whither I went ab.t 10 to attend her home & met her near the door where I accompanied Eliz.a Arnold who was also there on a work of Charity — her father being the escort of Sister P. — My wife's female assistants were also on a visit whence in imitation of the fashionable circles they did not return till near mid night — a practice not to be commended in any but certainly reprehensible in them, and as far as those in our family are concerned must not be permitted hereafter

6th. day 15th. Called at Mothers where I saw Sister Lydia who came day before yesterday from Fall River — mother was sitting up and appeared quite bright & comfortable I called after dinner at Uncle Williams to consult with him in relation to the debt due from Rich.d Anthony to my father's Estate — and with these exceptions I was occupied after the mg on the Cg House — Evg. at home principally

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in continuance of C.J. House duties. our two oldest boys made a visit at their Uncle Andrews — Mary being detained at home by a cold affecting the neck

7th day 16th Called after breakfast to see a writing Master relative to lessons to Ed & Thos during their Vacation. and devoted the rem^r of the day & wf. to C.J. House duties —

1st day 17th Attended Meeting with Silas & the two oldest boys at 8th Street house — Mr Chin & Mary & Frank detained at home by the weather & slight indisposition — I called at Lydia Russell's & mothers before tea Lydia Barney who is an inmate with the former is quite unwell so as to be confined to her room — requiring the suspension of her School for some days with a prospect of its continuance at least through the present week — Mother continues to Amend the shortness of my Call did not permit of my seeing her — Ed^d at home read &

2d. day 18th — Attended the Mg. of Bank-Directors and devoted the rem: of the day to Cg. House duties — Called at Mothers to enquire after her health — which continues to improve W.J. at home bring up my arrears of Abolition News — The recent Speech of Clay have made me doubt the propriety of continuing to press upon Congress the subject of abolition in the Dist. of Colª — It was the application to Congress by the Citizens of that District which gave the first impulse to petitions from other quarters & now that with very general unanimity the D. Citizens have presented their remonstrance against the foreign intervention which was the occasion of Clay's Speech I think, taking into consideration also the great doubts as to the rights of the Genl Govt to act in the matter, the agitation of the matter by Northern men with reference to such abolition ought to be suspended and the subject left to the calm reflection of the proper men duly and im-

mediately interested — our Nephew Rodman Morgan took tea with us. his parents being on a visit to the Sister Ann Rotch who with her daughter is spending the winter at Hartford Con.
3. day 19 Attended the Mg. of the Stock-holders of the Cordage Co. to fix the amt. of Stock & the manner of its payment &c. and called at Mothers — who is now so well that Dr. Read has suspended his visits — devoted the rem: of the day to Co. house duties — Ev. at home having the company of Martha Roberson & Cath. Lee & Fred. Benj. S. Rotch called in the Ev. — and gave additional interest to the visit of the young ladies — By a letter to day from Newyork we learn that Cousin Mary Parsons died at St Croix on the 16th ult. — The previous intelligence afforded little ground of hope that she would be able to return to her friends but I think they could not have been prepared to hear so soon of the fatal termination of her disease.

4th day 20th. Spent the M.J. at home called on mothers and at 10 p.m. Ade went to Mr. Kents with J. School to accompany Dear D. Mary to D. Flagg Dentist Room at the Mansion House by appointment, Sister Phebe met us and we spent the morn.r of the forenoon till 1 p.m. Phebe there in which time the D. filled 5 cavities viz 2 in her left front 1 in the right Dr. fill the left 2. and two in the double teeth or side all in the upper jaw and extracted the remains of a large decayed tooth on the right side of the lower jaw which was attended with some difficulty as it broke in the operation — It was a trying occasion but she bore it all very well — must better than he fear on a former occasion led me to anticipate — It is a painful thought that a child so young only 15 — should be obliged to be subjected to such operations — Phebe at the C. house — J. at home examining a treatise on Book Keeping by B. J. S Rotch, but I found nothing in it which biased my opinion of the system which I follow —

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and which I formed as an improvement on that laid down in the Ed. Encyclopedia — Mary took tea at her Uncle Wm's & sister C. spent the eve at T. A. Greene's as did Ed. at his uncle Chs's

5th-21 — Spent the day principally at the Cg House — & otherwise in forwarding my business. except the eve & a short time after dinner at home in reading the papers. eve at home thus employed —

6th. day 22d. Made some calls on business before breakfast with reference to sister Lydia's expected departure for her home at Fall River — but the weather being unpleasant she defers it — after spending an hour in reading after breakfast I devoted the remainder of the day to my own business at the Cg. house & called to see mother on my return home to tea. and remained at home through the eve —

— C. M. Morgan called — he having rec'd. last eve. from his father & brother

our three elder Children Spent the Evg.
at Josh Perrys — Mary then also at tea
— I called to See D. Flagg & made an
appointment with him for 2 O.Clk on 2d
day next to examine the teeth of our
Children
7th day 23 — Attended to business at the
C.House & through the day, Evg. also
Spent, after tea, in continuation of Do
engagements — Called at Mothers — She
improves daily — Welcome Greene
called in the Evg. during my absence
1st day 24th Attended Meeting Aft &
P.M. at the Spring St. House, Called
between Mgs with the two little Girls
& Eam. to See their Grandmother, and
in the afternoon I called to enquire
after Jo. Rickerson, and to See Mary
Tabor, after the usual reading with
the Children Went with Ma Chen H
to make a call at our Cousin J. Ar-
nolds — Our Daughter Mary detained
at home by a Soreness of the face occasioned
by the Operations on her teeth. Machen H Dec

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2 Edm^d attended the Services at the Episcopal Ch^h in the Afternoon —

2^d day 25^th. Went to the Cg. House before breakfast — attended the Mtg of Bank Directors and devoted the rem^r of the forenoon to Cg. House duties — Spent the afternoon with Edmund & Thomas at the "Mansion House under D^r. Flagg's operations — he filled one double tooth and extracted two others — for Thomas — for Ed^d he filled two teeth for Ed^d & applied the forceps to extract one but it was so firmly rooted that he could not start it, and his courage failed to permit him to apply the wrench or turnkey I had one of my lower left eye tooth single teeth filled after making a considerable cavity quite to the nerve though I was not aware that it was at all defective — a little discoloration near the Gum had however been observed — He made several attempts to fix a gold stripe or plate to Thos' upper teeth as a foundation for the application of a force by means of a silk string to change the direction of one of the

small upper teeth which is shooting within the corresponding tooth below — but he could not succeed in attaching it, and relinquished the attempt, directing him to form the habit of biting on a stick or other substance so applied as to bring an outward pressure on the upper tooth and an inward pressure on the tooth below it, while at study &c as another means of effecting the desired change — Dy I had lost all of the afternoon from my Cy room avocations instead of returning home to tea with my sons I repaired on being relieved from the Dr Room to the Cy Room where I spent the Cy. till near 11 O'Clk —

3. day 26th Attended to business at the Cy H. in the forenoon, remained at home till 3 Pk and then went with Sister Phebe and Frank & Jen to Dr Flagg's Room to have their teeth attended to Frank had two filled & 1 large one extracted & Jen had one filled & 1 small, or double tooth of the first set taken out — It was a very occasion for them and not less so for Sister & myself — on their acct — It is a very sad consider-

that all of our children at their tender age should be obliged to submit to such unnatural operations as the alternative of more protracted suffering or of being comparatively toothless at an early age — I went to the Q Room for a short time after leaving Dr. Flagg's Office at the Mansion House, returning home to tea — at which meal we had the Comp.y of our nephew W.m Rodman — The lecture at the Lyceum by I Russell of Cambridge was a strong temptation for me to go out again, but the Symptoms of a cold which I have had about me for a couple of days offered an adequate restraint, and I remained through the ev.g at home —

4th day 27th. Some fever & pain in my head with nausea occasioned by a medicinal exhibition induced me to remain in bed most of the day — arose in the latter part of the afternoon and sat by Father's fire — D.r Read made me a visit in the ev.g & prescribed and I went early to bed —

5th. day 28th. I had a good night and

rose in the m.g, the pain in my head being gone and my fever but slight — The effect of the Drs prescriptions if not other causes made it improper for me to go abroad and I therefore spent the day in looking over the news respecting which I was in arrear.

6th day 3 Mo. 1 — Spent the day at the Gs House, riding excepting on my last return as usual called at mothers and learned with regret that she was not so well having a return of the pain with which her illness commenced — She sat up however a while in the forenoon and I hope it may not be more than an transient check to her recovery — Robert Swain took tea with our boys — and Judge Prescott & James Arnold called upon us in the ev.g

7th day 2. Spent the day in attending to my business at the G. House & called twice at mothers — found her still affected with pain, and confined to her bed — I fear it will be long before

She will be restored to her former state of health — On my second call — returning at 12 — found ma chere H— there & accompanied her home, though being burthened with a bundle of books for my evening occupation with accounts at home. I could not so fully enjoy the pleasure of the incidental companionship in the walk home — found the Dining room a very favorable place for continuing my Calculations which I did till a late hour — Our three elder Children made a visit at their Uncle Williams & returned about 1/4 past 10 — too late by half an hour or 3/4 —

1st day 3d — Attended Mys. at Friends house in Spring Street and Spent the rest of the day at home. readg &c except a call at Brothers just before tea — found her still affected with the pain in her chest for which leeches had been applied Under the direction of Dr Read with some success — I hope she will be relieved from this cheik in its recovery soon, when she must be very cautious

not to exert herself too much — as to a little over action this relapse she thinks may be ascribed — My read[g] to day principally confined to Erskine on Faith which I find very interesting — a part of the time down to Father in his room — The weather being snowy, Ma chez H & sister remn. at home — myself & the boys & Mary in the afternoon (with Ed. & as the Episcopal Ch. [illegible]) only being out at Mtg —

2d. day 4th Spent the morng in read[g]. the Papers at home, the business hours at the Cg. House eng. at home, called at Mothers — who was reported better — Edm[d] took tea at his uncle Morgans and Frank at D. Reids —

3d day 5th Engaged at the Cg. House through the day called twice at Mothers — once on business — She appears to be considerably better, called at C. W. Morgans on my way home and he called and spent the principal part of the ev[g] with us — Sister Phebe took tea at Reids.

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4th day 6 Spent the Mg. hours at home — after breakfast occupied principally at the C[ity] house, called at Mothers who continues better — Mg. as an adjourned Mg. of the Ex^{ec} B^{d} of the Port Soc^{y}. when the report of the Com^{tee} for considering of the subject of a Site for the proposed Board House for Seamen, that a majority of them had decided in favor of that originally proposed (adjoining the Bethel Lot on the North) was accepted — The subscriptions to the funds for the object am^{t} to $5600. & a New Com^{tee} was appointed to endeavor to raise the Balance of $3400 —

5th day 7th Occupied in Mg. this morning before breakfast — Spent the usual business hours at the C[ity] house, Mg at home — Abby Osgood of the Academy and Mary's Cousins Ellen & Joanna with us at tea and. Benj^{a} Rotch & Robert Swain take tea in the Evg — I called at A Robesons & C H. Morgans on business in

the day connected with my office 60
of Executor
6th day 8th Occupied at the G.
house through the business hours
of the day, eve. at C.M. Morgans
with Mrs Chase H. & the two elder
boys - a cold and rain storm pre-
venting Mary from accompanying
us — bro. Wm & his wife & Ellen
were there also
7th day 9th Occupied through the
day at the G. House. Called at Mothers
on returning home about dusk - found
her sitting up and ~~ready~~ free from
pain but with a susceptibility in the
region of the chest which indicates the
necessity of a continuance of good
nursing — Mr. Allen is still there
called in the eve. at C.M. Morgans
on an errand — Edmund & Thomas took
tea at W.W. Swains
1st day 10th Attended Meetings at the
Spring St. House with the three boys Alf
& P.M. - Mrs Chase H. & the two younger girls
were with us in the eve - - in the after-

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noon She with Sue, attended the Unita-
rian M.H. at the invitation of Wm B & Sue whom
She met on the way to the Episcopal Ch-
— Ch & Sarah called between meetings
— the former to see father — I calld
before tea to see mother & Mary Taber
and after tea to see aunt Mary who
with her companion Mary Gifford
are both troubled with colds — my
aunts — quite severe for ten days
but not so bad as to detain her from
the Parlor — previous to my call
there I accompanied on a short visit
a call at our neighbors Wilcoxes
Lyman & T. R. Roberson's —

2. day 11th attended the M.H. of B.K.
Directors and devoted the rem. of the
day to C.H. Home employments — C.H.
at home — called twice to enquire
after Mother — found that she was
about as yesterday not entirely free
from pain — Day at home with
Wm & little Ellen & Frank the others
being at my Bro. Wm's at tea. Excep

little Sue who took tea at C.H. Morgans — little Ellen made a visit this afternoon at T.P. Robeson's — on the occasion of the 2d birth day anniversary of the twins — Poor little Andrew too sick to participate in the joy incidental to the meeting of such juvenile Spirits
3d day 12th Attended to C.J. House duties after 11 AM — previously engaged in read at home, in a call on mother &c &c. at home — read J. Harriet Martineau's article on Abolitionism in the Westminster & London Review — Sister Phebe Mary & Frank took tea at C.H. Morgans — The article referred to though, perhaps, in a style rather too laudatory from her strong sympathy with the people she describes is an able interesting & instructive ~~Article~~ production
4th day 13th Occupied at the C.J. House through the day or the ordinary business hours Called at Mothers who is rather improving, her nurse Mrs Allen to fulfil previous engagements leaves her to day &

measures have been attempted & will be continued to get another — Wof. and Morning at home — Ma chere H. is troubled with a severe cold and sore throat — which led her to retire early by which she missed of a call from our neighbors Wilcomb & Caroline Green 5th day 14th — Spent the business hours at the Cg House transacting considerable on account & how to prepare for the meeting in which I was retarded by an interruption by a person who wanted a pecuniary accommodation which I could not afford but which he could not for a long time relinquish the hope of obtaining — the rem. of the day was passed at home ma chere H. is better —

6th day 15th — Forenoon at the Cg House P.M. I gave some attention to getting the lattice work from Hemes from mothers South Garden to our own, attended the funeral services of Wm son of Oliver Crocker about 24 yrs old who

recently died at his fathers after a very lingering illness of several years — called at Mothers before dinner who continues to improve — the latter part of the afternoon at the Cg House, part of the ev g. at a qrly. mtg. of the Port Society, morng & the latter part of the evg at home

7th day 16th Spent the business hours of the day at the Cg. House Mtg. & evg. at home — a slight injury in the foot occasions by treading on a small nail made it prudent to avoid much walking and, and I therefore rode to & from the store taking my north lots in my way in the afternoon with reference to the approaching farming season — Ma chen to called at Mothers and I am sorry to have to note that she is again more unwell and has kept her bed through the day — Edmund dined at W. W. Swains and brt. Robert and S Rodman Morgan at a late hour to take tea with him — We have a letter this evg from Dan'l G. the U. of Mass of the 14th & Sch advising the admittance of our Sons Ed & Tho —

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1$^{\text{st}}$. day 17$^{\text{th}}$ Attended Meetings with our three Sons Att & with the two Younger P.M at Friends House in Spring St. Sister Mary Att at the Episcopal Ch. and Ed & Mary P.M. I Spent the remr. of the day at home except E. a call at the latter part of the e.v. as our neighbor Welcome Greene - with Anna Arnold after Spent E. the early part of the e.v. with us — The slight injury in my foot prevents my walking down to see my mother who continues in bed but is thought to be a little better than yesterday — Our e.v. reading was just commenced with the Children when our Fr. Ash called which of course put it by —

2$^{\text{d}}$. day Attended at the M.E. of Bank Directors. Called to see Mother, who continues much as for the last two days — Gave some time to her business for the benefit of some of her relations in Eastern New York — devoted the remr. of the day to my own duties — Eve. E. at Home having

the Comp[y]. of C.W. Morgan's fam[y]
viz J. Helen Morgan, Martha Robeson
Cath[e] McLea and Anne Dinsmore at
tea — Ch[s] & S.G. Morgan later in the
ev[g]

3[d] day 19[th] Spent the day principally
at the G. house. Called at mothers who
was reported better but I did not see
her — attended a lecture in the ev[g].
at the Lyceum by the Rev. W. Balch
on the English language — which he
placed in the highest rank for copiousness
and power — but his principal en-
deavor was to show the absurdities of
what are called the Systems of Engl[h]
Grammar in which he succeeded
to a considerable extent — he had a
few Copies of his Lectures on the subject
me of which I bought — he also an-
nounced as in the press a new work
on Grammar which would be. free from
those absurdities and exhibit the lan-
guage in a true and philosophical
light. — I called at T.C. Robertsons

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his wife is quite ill with symptoms of the Scarlet fever — one chn H has been too unwell lately to call and see her — Bro. Ed. on the afternoon 4th. day 20th. Occupied during the business hours of the day at the Cg. House. called to see mother Sind found her in her own opinion no better — the pain in her side & shoulder still continuing — Morning & Eve. at home — our M. Mary took tea at her uncle Wm & returned from her uncle Wm Fam. at 10½ — 5th. day 21 Spent the business hours of the day at the Cg. House Morg & eve. at home, called to see mother who is a little better but not yet deemed able to sit up — Spent ½ an hour at C. W. Morgans to make some enquiry relative to the recent developements of sundry cases of forgery by which Wm Hathaway son of Capt. Wm brother of James dec. who has for a long time command a Ship in the Havre & New Orleans lines from

New york — this Son married a daughter of Burnett Wilcox of this Town and and has been connected with him as clk. or otherwise in his paint & grind[g]. busines — he left town last week and it now appears that he has swindled the banks and individuals out of 5 a 6 thousd Dlls — Rec[d]. a letter from J. Winslow & Co of Hav announcing the arrival on the 10th. inst. of the Asia full 600 bls. R. Whale. Oil Porks low Oil to be stored bone sold @ 31 Sol.

6th. Day 22d - devoted the business hours of the day at the Cg House, except some time spent in a call at mothers and in visiting the Athenaeum and Library with bro. Edmund — Mg & Wf as home the former in aiding our Children in their Algebraic Studies. the latter in bringing up the arrears of News &c Mother is better to day — Sybil Robeson much the same — Machum Hs has a slight attack of Erysipelas & sister Phebe a very bad cold & sore throat

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y^th. day 23^d. I spent the morn^g. hours at home after breakfast repaired to the C.g. House calling at mothers in my way (who continues convalescent) and remained engaged in arrang^g. my papers and documents for the part y^ter, when I returned home to accompany brother Edmund to my bro^r Wm^s to dine — met there And^w Charles & Benj^n W.W. Lewis S.G. Morgan & the Rev. Eph^m Peabody also Sam & Emma & Wm & Ada — the former hav^g. returned last ev^g. from Boston to remain we returned home about 8 — when I called at J.V. Brans Rec^r of the Acad^y to consult him as to the probability of the boys' making up between this and the 4^th. of the 5^th. m^o. what will be required to fit them to enter as Sen^rs on the 8^th. of that month — He thought it probable with close study on their part that they could do it — C.G.M. has relinquished the idea & Ris Lois enter J. as that time

bill 2¼ Pds

1st day 24th. Attended Meetings AM & PM - with bro. Ed. & the boys - Mrs. Cha H and the Girls were also there AM & PM they were at the Ch. Service - I called to see Mother after the first Meeting and Jo & Pickett for after the second - Mother was sitting up - and Jo - below Stairs, having Made as fair as Pad an arcan yesterday - I this day complete my 47th year, a long series having been passed - not idly but with less Spiritual profit from the merciful and afflictive dispensations of Providence - from the best exercise of the faculties with which I have been blessed than should have been my experience - having lived already much beyond the average of human life - how strong the arguments for a wise application of the time that may yet be allotted me - may my endeavours be redoubled to redeem former neglects, follies and errors, by a persevering and earnest seeking for the

that supernatural aid of my feeble efforts, which alone can make them effectual to the great object of an adequate preparation for that scene of future & enduring existence which lies beyond the confines of time —

In the evg. after the custom any visitors had a call from Judge Prescott & Matthew Howland

2d day 25th Occupied through the business hours of the day at the Bank & C.J. House including a call at Mothers Morning & Evg. at home Benj: L Rotch spent part of the evg. with us — Weather unpleasant — Snow in the forenoon

3d day 26th. Spent the business hours of the day at the C.J House & called at Mothers She is improving — Morng & Evg. at home — had a call in the evg by appointment in the afternoon from Luther Pearson of Providence relative to Richard Anthony's debt — which he was authorized to compromise for one quarter

On consultation with the others it was resolved and I spent the ev.g mostly in writing to R.A. on the subject —

4th. day 27th. Detained at home through the day by a cold — Spent the time in reading the papers principally — Bro Edmund left us after an early dinner for New York — Eliza Drinker was with us at tea also Rodman Morgan, — and Robert Lewis after his tea though before ours —

5th. day 28th. Still confined at home with a cold — Spent the day in reviewing Bailey's Algebra to qualify me to assist the boys, who are rather backward in this branch of study for admission into the Pen.a School at the Conj. Session — There was no School, it being the annual Fast Thol. went to the Monthly M.g of Friends — & Mary to the Un.a M.g — the others remained at home Eliza Mitchell & her son took tea with us

6th. day 29th. Still confined to the house with my Cold — occupied principally

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in writing a treatise on Algebra — and assisting my children in their studies Myself Wm & Aunt Lydia called to see father in the afternoon, & Nelson & Caroline Greene called on us in the eve — Mr Merchant was at the Episcopal Ch. this forenoon (Good Friday) and then called to see mother in the afternoon who was not quite so well as yesterday — the former retired early with a head ache so that she missed the call of our friends in the eve

4th day 30th — Still confined to the house with a cold — occupied with works on Cent.h Alg.a & aiding the boys in their studies — Mr Chev H. called at T. Roberts — and found Sybil not any better — apparently very sick

1st day 31 Still confined to the house — little Sue went to see the ceremony of Baptism administered at the shore by the Pastor of the Baptist Ch.h on William St.

to 16 Convts — Ma Chas H. Ellen & the boys attended Friends M.S. A.M & the 3 latter P.M. also, — Sister P & Mary at the Episcopal Service A.M & with me at Friends by P.M. Sister Sarah called in the afternoon and Jal. Arnold in the eve.

2d day 4th mo 1 My cold being better I resumed my attendance at the Cy House and was occupied through the day in bringing up the arrears of duty incidental on my absence from the Store called at Brothers on my way down and found her much better than when I saw her last — sitting up in the parlor which adjoins her lodging Room — I rode to & from the Cy House taking sundry places on my return at Cy, with reference to a Study lamp which I wish to try with whale (Right) oil — by adapting a tall tin Chimney in extension of the Glass tube to ensure a current of air which shall regulate the Combustion, and prevent any Concretion about

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the wick tubes, which are two, of a flat form, forming segment of a circular ring surrounding the Central air tube — This lamp a Head made many years ago for a Street lantern at Our form residence on Middle St and since the lighting of the Sts. by the Public I have used it occasionally at the C. House — in the same way as now proposed, except that I have Chimney higher and better adjusted than heretofore & design to have a tin or paper Shade to throw the light on the book or Slate &c — Would the lamp answer to burn R. N. Oil I think the principle will be extensively adopted, now that the great rise in the price of Sp. Oil makes it a matter of importance to the cheaper kind of Oil which is now but about 2/5 the price — Have the C. H. in the Library which we now appropriate as a Study to facilitate the preparation of the boys for Haverford

3. day 4 mo. 2. Spent the day principally at the M. house, riding to and from the same — had a call at the W. from a man from Bridgewater on business with me as Exec^r in relation to which the W. was principally spent — A gang of Counterfeiters were detected in the operation of Coining Spurious half dollars from Base metal and they & their Machinery seized — they were at work in the Cellar of a house of bad character in the north part of the Town opposite the Town Pound

4th. day 3. — Spent the day at the M. house — called at Mathers on my ride home. at W. — Whence from the failure of the bolt in the gig I returned home on foot — Mother looked quite comfortable in her parlor — W. in wholly over the recent News

5th. day 4th. — Attended the Quarterly Meeting — which presented nothing of Special interest — The preaching

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was by two men & 3 women all but indifferently interesting from the limited intellectual power & culture which they had been favr. with — but all indicating a considerable ascendency of the moral & religious principles — though not in their happiest aspects — Susan Howland made a prayer — the Meeting large — the Weather being delightful — I left at the close of the Mg for worship and returned in the afternoon by C. House avocations relating to the "Estate" &c. as home. — put my Study lamp in complete operation, with entire success — the light being very brilliant and the arr. adjusted with perfect ease by raising or depressing the Glass — read the News

6th. day 5th. Spent the business hours of the day at the C. house principally called several times at Mothers & to transact some business for her, to accommodate with a loan a distant relation of hers at Easton New York

Robt. Swain visited our Children this ev. at tea &c — Tried my study lamp with Right Whale Oil, it burned till the time of my retiring viz from 9 10/60 to 11 40/60 with a Spender apparently equal to Sptm Oil, time 2 1/2 hours. —

7th day 6th. Spent the day at the Gs house called at Mothers, and passed the ev at home, — the lamp was relighted & burned with unimpaired brilliancy till the Oil was exhausted viz from 8 to 10 1/4 — Whole time 4 3/4 hours — the flame was part of the time checked in Splendor because our person only required the light — The experiment is therefore altogether in favor of the substitution of Right Whale for Sptm Oil in a lamp of this construction without any sacrifice of light or convenience — at present the relative whole sale prices of the different kinds of Oil are about as 38 to 112 or as 1 to 3 nearly & in the State prepared for the lamp about 50 & 110

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1st day 7. Attended meetings AM & PM at Friends Mg house Spring St — called between Mgs. with Sue & Ellen at Aunt Mary's, and in the Mg I made a short call on business at A. Cobb's — otherwise the day has been passed at home — Sis. Church had a pain in the head which detained her from Mgs — My Study Lamp did not operate so well as with the first experiment with R.W. Oil — it was necessary to remove the Chimney & raise the wick too a third time before the Oil was exhausted whole time of burning about 4½ hours — The Condor & Rockaway arrived the former 20 mos. out with 2000 RW bbls & 50 Sperm the latter 40 mos with 3000 Sperm this comes to 6 Dunbar C.W. Morgan & others and is a very great voyage

2d day 8th Spent a short time at the polls for the election of Town Officers & the rem. of the Mg. at home in the Eve

Oratic exercises or abroad in ~~celebrating~~
financial arrangements — Pd at
the C[ity] House — and eve. at a small
family Party at Eliza Brinkers' on
acct. of her nephew Sam[l] W. Rodmans
& his Wife — much unwell also there
3[d] day 9[th] Attended to C[ity] House duties
most of the day. Called at mothers
eve. at home
4[th] day 10[th] Detained at home through
the day with a Swelling in the face
occasioned by an inflamation about the
tooth (the left lower eye tooth) which I had
filled by Dr Flagg 41 days ago — the
swelling began yesterday and proceeded
rapidly so that I was much disturbed
last night but by poulticing to day
the pain has abated — and the swelling
is reduced in some degree — The local
affection has been attended with pain
in the hip which disqualified me for
much intellectual application —
Dr Benj[n] Called on me this afternoon rela-
tive to the Street petitioned to extend northward

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from its present termination at Middle Street — Dr Read called to see me this Morg

5th day 11th. I am still detained at home with the swelling in my face — but it must less severe than yesterday so that I have been able to occupy myself in reading &c through the day & evg — Bro Benj.n called with or-persons to the proposed Continn of Water St. Northwardly — Edm. at home complaing of nausea — he did but little at Studying — Thos. also at home in the afternoon with hoarseness

6th day 12th Confined at home closely the forenoon — P.M. went out to attend the meeting at the Institution for Savings of persons specially interested in the extension of North Water Street, called at A. Roberson's on the way — met the representatives of the lots over which it is desired to pass viz Geo Howland

And. Robeson, Stephen Potter, the Guardian of 3 minor Children of David Kempton dec. Wm Beetle & Benj Rodman — The desirable feeling seemed to actuate all to some extent and but in one instance that of S Potter a degree of liberality such as could reasonably be expected was evinced — The 4 principal Estates including my own which though not reached by the Street as prayed for will be equally benefitted as the rest — to bear equally the expense not otherwise provided for of making the Street if the Town will remove the obstruction across Benjamin Lincolns' land — Spent the P.M. at home reading the Anti Slavery Papers which I had omitted in course —

7th day 13th Occupied a considerable part of the forenoon in making arrangements for leading the water into the Cis-pool when washing at the entry of the Basement, having had the Cis-pool cleared out. this arrangement was effected by placing a lead pipe

to lead from a depression in the cellar floor just within the threshold* of the middle room on the east side, to the Cispool, the depression being covered with a thin flag grey stone, the bottom being formed also with a stone through which the pipe passes ——— the rem.r of the day was mostly spent at the Cf house, ——— wg. at home ——— We have had a fine rain — more than we have had at one time for nearly six months — 2.28 in having now fallen & there being a probability of more 1st day 14th Attended Divine Service at the Episcopal Church Ate with me Chen H. Mary & Frank — sister & Thos. retained at home with colds — Pell attended at Friends Mtg as Thos. did All, he attending with the others as in the Mg. Mr. Pell was there, which gave an additional interest to the occasion — I called at Mothers after Mtg Pell — whom I had not seen since my confinement with a swelled face — found her appearing very well — The N.E.

Storm continues but with little additional rain to day — after attg at the Bank 2d day 15th Devoted the forenoon to attendance with and on the Comtee of the Town in relation to the extension Northward of Water Street, went over the ground with them &c &c — They will probably report in favor of accepting the St. if any competent Party will come under the bonds to make the Street and make obstructions, and secure the Town against all expense above the Sum of three thousand Dollars — devoted the afternoon to Cg House duties Eve'g at an Anti Slavery Lecture by W. L. Garrison — The w.g. was very rainy and but the house (Comm'l & Purchase Sts. was pretty well filled — The Lecture was interesting and impressive liberal in the application of denunciatory passages of Scripture to the Sin of Slavery Lect generally in a very Calm & Serious manner — I was introduced to him

at the Close of the Mtg — This is the first time I have seen this man of whom I have heard so much. he has not that Striking appearance of a great man that I had fancied — but more meek & serious in his aspect — consistent with the sentiment of religious trust and Self devotion to the great Cause in which he is engaged — On my return I found that the Rev. Mess.r Bent & Snow late & present Pastors of the Episcopal Church in this town had made a Call on me when I

3.d day 16.th Devoted the Day principally to the Mtgs. of the Anti Slavery Soc.y of Bristol Co — I had never attended Similar Mtgs. and had a Curiosity to see the proceedings — The Mtg was not large — composed Alle principally of the delegates and Colored people — nor were the doings of much interest — the afternoon being consumed in attacks & rejoinders relative to Mr

proceedings of the Ex^ve board in relation to a misunderstanding between the Ex^ve Com^ee of the Am^n A. S. Soc^y and the Ex^ve Board of the Mass^tts A. S. Soc^y —

— I dined at A. Robeson's with W. L. G & Mr Collins Ag^t of the State Soc^y — My impression of the former was a little lowered on the score of humility — not being disposed to do Charitable an opinion of the intention & efforts of some others in the same cause, or of those who have the unhappiness to be born in the district where Slavery has from time immemorial or since the early settlement of the Country been prevalent — as I think justice would warrant —

Repaired to the C.H. House late in the afternoon and spent an hour or two till dark — returned and took tea after the family and found a notice of a mg. of the Light House Contractors at C. H. Morgan's C.H. House, who with Capt Merrill returned to day from Washington whither they have been to settle acc^ts

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with the Govt & receive the money for the Current year — of which latter object they were most unexpectedly disappointed of — by the Secy. of the Treasury. Though in direct violation of the Contract — on the ground that it is contrary to law to pay in advance of Services performed — This proceeding I hope will be the means of releasing us from a bad Contract — Though the Secy. seemed disposed to hold us to the part of the agreement notwithstanding the Govt had violated theirs.

4th Day 17th Spent the forenoon principally in taking measures for fitting our boys for their term at Haverford, ma chere H with me in the perambulation among the Shops, which was rendered unpleasant by the storm threatening state of the weather, with wind and rain — We called also at Elias Dunbars to forward the same object and get some ideas as to the Style which will be desirable under their regulations

— P.M. I rep? to my C.J. House employments — and returned home through a couple of inches of snow & water — and after tea accompanied Mrs Chesebro to an evening party at Bro? Benj?s where we returned between 10 & 11 —

5th day 18th — Spent most of the forenoon at the C.J. House — and the afternoon in perambulating as one of the Com?e of the town the projected extension of W. & B. Street, and in subsequent consultation thereon — The Com?e have not concluded to report in favor of accepting and constructing the same — finished the afternoon at the C.J. house and passed the evg. at home — Thos. & Lydia Greene & Chs & Sarah spent a considerable part of it with us and E. Mitchell called at the close of the evg — to join them in returning home

6th day 19 Spent some time in the forenoon as Chairm? of a Com?e of the Town relative to the County road — in consultation with my colleagues Calvin Staples at my house & Jos. Congdon (who from a

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(mis apprehension did not meet us) at his bank — dined upon a repast which I sketched — Occupied afterward at the C.J. House, called at Mothers and found with regret that she has had for two days a return of Pain, which partially confined her to her bed. Thought in her parlor at intervals — W.J. at home R. S. Swain with our boys as teachers 4th Day 20th Devoted the day to the Town meeting where many important public concerns were acted upon, and among others one which concerned me in a private Capacity viz the extension of Water St Northerly to North St — on which the Town Voted to appropriate 4000 towards removing the obstruction on Gen.l Lincoln's lot (which is but half the am.t which he demands) this road to be constructed at the expense of the Proprietors over whose land it was proposed to pass. —

This thought less than we hoped to get is 1000 more than the Com.ee on the case recommended — and I hope that it may prove sufficient to secure the object at no distant period

1st day 21 Attended Meeting at Spring St. House — when in the afternoon I greeted Capt. Joy of the Sh. Roman lately arr.d from the Pacific Ocean after a 3yrs voyage he appeard well and but little changed he had brot. a fine voyage for himself & his owners — called to see mother in the afternoon who is not any better but gets out into the parlour as in winter — A. Robeson called here whom I did not see — James Deane of New Haven who dined with us yesterday, called in the eve.g as did bro.r Benj.a Jr. & our nephew Saml. — Thos.d Ogden & Judge Prescott — our friend Harriet A. Holt of New-port who was for about 15 years an assistant in our family arr.d to day to be here during our absence in placing our sons at Hav.d and to assist in the Indian.a Jr. Journa.

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2d. day 22d. Spent the Mg at home and after breakfast went with bro Benj.n to Fall River to attend a Spicial Mg. of the Pocasset Co. which together with dining at the Pocasset House, & call at Sister Lydia's and a partial perambulation of the farm occupied the time till after 4 o'Clk. when we started for home and ar.d about 6 — The object of the Mg. was to authorize and provide for the Sale & transfer of the Pocasset house to Nath.l B. Borden in exchange for stock in the Co — Eve.g at home — Little Ellen has been under Dr. Reed's hands to day — She has been much of the time reclining — though somewhat restless & playful

3d. day 23d. Spent the morning in study & calculations at home — The forenoon in consultation with different individuals interested relative to a further distribution of the property belonging to my father's estate, Afternoon at the Co. House.

W.J. — made an ineffectual attempt to see the Rev. Mr Snow of the Episcopal Ch — at their lodgings Sarah Coffins — afterwards joined my wife in a Call at T. R Robesons. and finished the W.J. at C. W. Morgans where we were invited to meet Capt. Roy & wife and other friends — having seen little of him & nothing of his wife since his recent arrival from his voyage of 41 mos. to the Pacific Ocean 4th Voy 24th — Spent most of the day at the C.J. House. devoted some time to my wife's proposed party for to-morrow — and continued my calculations relating to the adjustment of my cont. with Wm M. Garvey for whom I bought land and built a house years ago. his late good voyage enabling him to pay me the bal. due and have a handsome surplus in addition to his settlement which however he thinks of abandoning to seek a permanent residence in the far West Called at Mothers. she is better to day

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6th day 25th. Occupied part of the forenoon at home with reference to my wife's party this ev— called at Uncle Wm's to ask W.R. Rotch to give us his company he having returned yesterday from his W.I. & Southern tour to attend with his wife Phob & Susan in their hope of benefit to the former —which resulted in the extraction of the tumor at Charleston with great hopes of its entire extirpation — —through an operation of the most painful and critical nature — T & S. Mott left at Charleston where the former was recovering as fast as could be expected — and Caroline at Princeton with her friends to recover from the severe contusions & wound which she received on the road from the South by the overturning of the Stage by wch accident Wm was also much injured — I spent the afternoon at the C.J. House, & ev'g of course at home — most of our connec-

tions & friends were with us with whom we have a visiting acquaintance and in addition to those whom we have previously had were Th. S. Hatheway Jo. Upinnell & M Weston — ~~The wy passed~~ and Chl & Caroline Howland — The wy passed (I hope) pretty Satisfactorily to all —

6th day 26th Spent the morning at home putting the Argand lamps in order for this nights occasion &c — after breakfast called at Edw? Jones' to see Caleb Jay & wife and ask them to visit us this wy as tea &c — saw Sarah only — but they were engaged previously — Spent the remr of the day till late in the wy. (Saw. the dinner horn) at the Cg. House.

7th day 27th Devoted the day to Counting House duties — Jacob took little Ellen with two of the other Children on a Short ride, She has been below Stairs three days — called at mothers — found her quite comfortable — Spent

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the evg. at home in expectation of a meeting of the Owners of the 4 principal lots over which the proposed northerly extension of Water Street will pass — but Geo Howland did not come nor the others so as to have any useful consultation And. W. & Chs. com'g late — the latter after Benj. had gone — Our children had company their Cousin L to visit them — Sister Phebe is much unwell with a cold affecting her lungs and attended with much pain in the head —

1st day 29th I attended Mg. all day at Friends House in Spring Street Geo. with me Abby & Ann Chace H & the 3 boys PM — Ann Chace H., Mary Ed & Frank were at Grace Church Sch & Meadow PM — I called after the Morg Mg. to see Albert Barney — he appeared very feeble — Ann Chace H., self and the 4 elder children called to see mother after the 2d mg — and in returning stopped at Barneys shop to

have an application of Creasote to Eu? tooth in which he has had much pain of late, to the detriment of his progress in his studies — After the usual 1st day W.J. reading &c. M. May 2d & Self called at our Cousin Arnold's 2. day 29th Engaged with little intermission at the Cg house after breakfast — called to see Mother who is again a little troubled with pain in her chest or side — W.J. at home in continuance of my Cg house avocations — Sister Eliza was here in the W.J. and Ann Rotch and her daughter at noon —

3d day 30th Engaged most of the day & W.J. at the Cg House — called after dinner with Mrs Chen to examine trunks & boxes for the boys & her own use on the journey to Japan then at Hall —

4th day 5th 1 — Spent the day and W.J. principally at the Cg. House — attended a Mtg of the Stockholders of

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the N Bedford Cordage Co., as we
it was Voted to relinquish the
project — the difficulty of procuring
a Seite, and the other engagements
of the Directors may be assumed as
the chief reasons of this sudden
termination of the undertaking —
5th. day P. M. Occupied morning, day
and eve. at the C.J. House in relation
to the business of the Estate —
called late in eve. in relation to the
same on my mother Sister Anna
and C. W. Morgan —
6th. day 3d. Engaged at the C.J. house
with slight intermissions throughout the
day Spent some time in copying
at home some accts. relating
to the Estate which were too late
for my letter Press — In which case
I take the impression from our clothes
mangle — also spent some time
at the Bank in expectation of a
visit from C.J. there relative to North Wales
St. but C. Howland & A. Robeson were

out of Town so that nothing relative to the object was done — Called late in the Ev.g (taking something as a substitute for supper from my mothers as I passed from the Ct. House) at and Mary's in expectation of finding Mrs Chew & the two elder boys who called to take leave previous to their departure for Hawesford — but I was too late. They had. left — I however spent half an hour there on my own acct —

7th. day 4th. Except attending a Mtg. of the Prin.l proprietors of land in the northerly line of Water St., and the adjo.d Mtg. of the Town, where no further action was had in relation to P. Street, the views of Geo. Howland being opposed to any further responsibility than the making of the Streets wd involve — the suggestion of the Select Men that the resolution as passed was too vague for them to act in relation to the Bond to indemnify the Town Against

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further expense than the 4000 Dolls toward securing the obstruction on Genl. Lincoln's lot — was not considered, so that it is probable that another year will pass before any decisive action towards opening J. Street; — with the exceptions mentioned I was industriously occupied through the day & evg at the Cg House preparg. for leavg home with our Sons &c for Phila & Haverford —

1st day 5th Attended Meetin at Frds. House in Spring Street Adel remained at home in the afternoon to assist in the preparation for leavg. to-morrow with our Sons for Haverford accompanied by ma Sister H and Mary — the time of the beginning of the Spring Session being so far alone than sufficient to get there at that time, which is particularly desirable in the case of our Sons who have to be examined for admission — called at Nathans, the continues to verge towards her Ces. Stand of the

2d day 6th After making the preliminary a
rangements took the Stage for Newport
with my cha tt — Mary Eden and Thomas
on a journey to Philadelphia to place th
two latter at the Haverford School to
complete their School Education — Ad
fellow passengers were Sister Rebecca &
her D. Ellen — A.H. Seabury and many oth
among whom an attendant of Sister R the
Delegate to the Anti Slavery Convention a
Newyork, as well as on private business
his own was Dan'l A. Roberson — who
joined us at the Stone Bridge, Tiverton
he having taken Fall River in his way
— Among the Delegates to the Am. A
S. Convention, or rather the Anniversary
that Society, from Mass — was Nathan Jo
hn a Colored man of property & respectabi
who on leaving the Carriage in which
he rode with A. Roberson and Mr. Brad
burn — at Hazards tavern in Newpo

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was rudely forced from the Bar Room where the passengers were for the moment assembled — to the great scandal of all present who noticed the outrage — He was attacked by R. R. — but with little apparent effect — he being a man of two callous ~~feelings~~ sensibilities to heed any appeals to his humanity — But he may perhaps be taught better manners by the pecuniary loss which the discredit of his ~~conduct~~ with the respectable part of the Comp — may entail — I and our Carriage Comp — saw nothing of the affair as we decided on going to Tommends instead of Howards — or reaching Newport — we then took supper & then repaired to the Wharf to wait the arrival of the Steam boat "Jn° R. Richmond" from Providence — The wind being fresh ahead — or some other cause prevented her arrival at the usual hour so that it was not till about 8 O'Cl

that we went onboard — The Steamboat Lexington had previously passed with a great number of Passengers — but the J.N. was also — very full so that all the berths and cots were occupied in the Gentlemen's Cabins — but in the Ladies' almost every inch of the floor also was cov^d with mattrasses — to the great discomfort of the ladies of our party who were obliged to avail of these latter appliances — but who were more incommoded by the vitiated Atmosphere & other disagreeable concomitants of a passage unusually rough under such circumstances — By the kindness of the Rev. M. Holmes of our Town who had a number of reserved berths, by means of the provident forecast of a friend of his & at his disposal — I was provided with two berths — in one of which I did stow of the two boys, and in the other myself — The roughness of the Ocean before entering the Sound — made [illegible] to gether with B many of Our adults, fello

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passengers quite sick — requiring considerable attention from me in the early part of the night —

3d day 8th — The weather fine this morning and our young folks were up early to see the Sun Rise, apparently from the Ocean bed in the East — The extension of the "Sound" in that direction presenting no intervening object — The head wind, which has strong through the night had retarded our progress so that we did not reach the City (New York) till about 10 O'Clk — Onboard the boat were many good Abolitionists and other people going to attend the Anniversaries which occur the present week — among them we recognize Saml. Philbrick from the vicinity of Boston and Miss Anna Weston (sister of Mrs Chapman) of the latter place, also Wendell Phillips — the able & eloquent advocate of Liberty without distinction of color — We were too late in arriving for the M.S. conveyances for

Philadelphia — and therefore sought
found quarters, with our other friends,
the American Hotel (Mr Corzens) thou
the thronged state of the house made
necessary to submit to rather indiffe
ent accommodations — with which h
ever we were well satisfied, a dispositio
to promote our comfort being apparen
in Mr C & is household — Here we
saw Ann M. Rotch and daughter and
Charles — they being on their return fro
Hartford where they Sister former pa
sed the last winter for the advantage
a School for Maria, Chas being at a
School in Stockbridge during the same ti
— to see whom was probably in part the
occasion of Sister Rebeccas journey at this
time — We took tea and spent the
ev'g at John Parsons — my time duri
the day being occupied in attending two
meetings of the Am A.S. Society — the f
being for public addresses &c which th
were many and some of them of a hi

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order for talent and interest among which one by Mr Stanton was pre-eminent, in my opinion — a very respectable address was delivered by a young Colored man a recent graduate of a college in Vermont, — I regretted not being able to attend the eve. session — it being the sec. business meeting in which the Subject of admitting Women to take seats as delegates was in Continuance from the afternoon session keenly and earnestly debated — and as I learned finally decided in the affirmative — In the course of which debate Wendell Phillips made a very powerful Speech in reply to J. G. Birney — The clerical members were generally in the negative — being quite disposed to sustain the prohibition of the Apostle Paul, enjoined under circumstances in which from their difference decists it of authority, against Women's Speaking in the Churches or in public

4th day 9th Took the Amboy route for Phila — by embarking onboard the Steamboat Swan — for which we were but

just in time — breakfasted onboard — left the boat and joined the Cars for Bordentown where we arrived about 12 O Clk and then re-embarked onboard the Steamboat Ste Philadelphia for Philadelphia and landed about 2½ O Clk (after dining onboard) and took lodgings at Mrs. Allibones in 4th Street — I called at Wm Whartons, and then visited sundry Shops to procure, hats, brushes umbrellas &c for the boys — in which objects we were aided by Charles Wharton, who acted as companion for our young folks and guide — returned to tea at our lodgings — visits from Wm & Deborah Wharton & Danl. B. Smith — and retired —

5th day 9th. Walked out with Mr. Chen H & Mary — visited the Portrait of Queen Victoria at the Masonic Hall, and made some other stops — they at Shops — and I with reference to our early departure day 12 O Clk for Havenford — The boys have gone with Chs Wharton and another little friend to see the Fair mount Water Works — These were late on their return so that we did not get off for

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the School as we expected — The Carriage was at the Door for that object when Isaac Collins and his young son Isaac Jr. called — the latter being a Scholar and the former one of the managers of the School, who discouraged our leaving town so soon, by suggesting that few of the boys would be there before the end of the week, and that it would be of little use to our sons to be there before — Thus induced to change our plan we sent away the Carriage — and rec'd. a call from my brother W. L. Fisher & his wife and accepted an invitation to visit them this ev'g. Spend the night & be sent the next day to Harr.g. — After dining Ma chez H & the boys went to see the "Chinese Collection" and I believe some other objects — I to put the boys trunks in a way to get to the School by the West Chester Cars to morrow — by way. them at the Depot in Broad Street — after some ineffectual attempts to find the place where articles are specially deposited

for the School, which I understood was in the Vicinity of P. depot, and which consumed much time. I set off to meet the family and take them in a Carriage to the depot of the Germantown P.R. Cars - but with all the diligence I could use, owing a little loss of time by a mistake in returning to our lodgings we were too late by one minute for P. Car and therefore continued our ride in the Carriage direct to W. L. Fishers — where we met Thos. & Letitia & their Son in addition to our Bro.s family — an appearance of Rain probably prevented our meeting there also Wm. & Sarah Vister — we passed a pleasant day — the Children of the 2. marriage now all nearly grown are quite amiable and interesting — Particularly the oldest Son who finished last year his School education at Haverford with a reputation for talent and industry — Charles William is now in the Senior Cl. to finish this year — but he has not the ambition for Scholarships as his brother and

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by omitting the study of Greek will not be eligible for a diploma at the end of the Session

6th day 10th — Spent the morning with our Wakefield friends of the different families calling at Thos. & W. Waters's Visited the Stocking factory of the former — which is an extensive and profitable concern — The Scenery above the place is now in its most interesting dress — and appears in all the beauty with which my early recollections have invested it — As the first locality of Penn's Scenery with which I became familiar in my early manhood — I have seen nought since which strikes me as more interesting — and my impressions are now coincident with those of Macchen H. whose former visit in the autumn left an inadequate idea of its loveliness — The different families are surrounded with all the accompaniments necessary to accord with the

rural beauty and picturesque character of the situation — After dining at Brother Williams — William Wister and Lindley Fisher accompanied us in the Carriage of the former to Haverford School where we arrived after a pleasant ride about 4 O'Clk — found the superintendant Isaac Davis and wife and their daughter Elizabeth very agreeable people and also the teachess Dan'l B. Smith (whom we well knew before) John Gummere very kind and polite — at the invitation of the former who is a boarder with him, about ½ a mile from the School, we took tea at J. Gummere's — and passed the evg — W. Wister & L. Fisher left us to return to Makefield about 5½ Oclk. after looking through the Green House, which is large & well kept, &c — We went to the Farm House kept by Stephen Smith with our Children to lodge —

4th day 12th — After breakfast we repaired to the School — to attend the examination of our sons preparatory to their admission — William Dennis examined them in the

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Greek & Latin languages and John Gummere in Mathematics — which was so far satisfactory that they were both admitted as Students of the Third Junior Class — The forenoon was principally spent by Mr. Chirett & Sr in arranging their clothes & the boys in their new quarters — viz their Dormitories, which are on the 2d. floor No. 16 Edmund & No. 20 Thos. Small but neat and sufficiently convenient — They dined with the Scholars and we saw them at the meal — but from the delinquency of the Scholars but about one third of them having yet arrived the tables were proportionally vacant — The best order prevailed each partaking in quiet of the repast which was of good and satisfactory quality — The Superintendant being present to prevent disorder, and some of the Teachers eating with them — Mr. Chirett, Mary & self, returned to the farm house to dine and returned to see the boys again and take the West Chester R.R. car when

it should pass the place, for Phil[a] & Wash[n] is usually from 4 to 4½ o'clk — Accordingly we took leave of the family. and went to the Road side, where we Spent ½ an hour with the boys and then took an affectionate leave of them — and left them behind us — silently commending them to the beneficent guardianship of that divine Providence which has hitherto been their and our support and protector — Now they are for the first time separated from us — May it be for their unequivocal benefit — by training their moral and intellectual Powers in the way best adapted to promote their usefulness respectability and happiness in the various relations in which they may be called to act, and by their establishment in the principles of virtue and piety — qualify them for the high and gracious design of their Creation as intelligent and immortal beings — We leave them with the confidence that their situation is as favorable if not

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more favorable to these important ends than any other in which we could have placed them, and this I trust will reconcile us to the privations which we suffer in the loss of their society, and the opportunity of our personal and direct endeavors to enlighten their minds, to guard their morals and to cherish in them the sentiments of piety & religion.

We found the Car (drawn by horses) a pleasant mode of conveyance except at the inclined plane near the Schuylkill where the passengers left the Car and for safety walked about half a mile to the land below — This would not have been necessary but for the repairs in progress on the Stationary engine on the summit level — which by an endless rope takes the Cars up or steadies them down as required — On reaching the City after a pleasant ride diversified with interesting scenery — we went by previous appointment to Charles Folwell's to tea, he lives

in Marshall Street near Franklin Square
in which Mary and I with Chs. & one or
of his Children took a walk over some
its fine gravelled paths which when
numerous trees with which it is stud
shall have attained a larger size
will make it still more attractive
than it now is with its fine fountain
throwing its beautiful Jet into the air
to cool and comfort in reality as well as
by association the numerous visiters who
resort to it for air and recreation — The
Philadelphians have come to love the
memory of the Wise and Good founder of
their City — by whose long sighted views
with comparatively little trouble or expen
to them they are now richly profiting in th
healthfulness and beauty of their noble open
Squares after a lapse of nearly one hund
& sixty years —

1st day 12th — Ma Chas H went to the Episc
pal Church with Wm & Mrs Bent who are board
at Mr Allibone's over which he has the pastoral

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change — I intended to be in Cherry Street M.g — this being the week of the Yearly Meeting of Hicksite part of the Society of Friends — On approaching the place however at the proper hour I found the seats and aisles were already occupied with many persons in the yard who were unable to enter — I therefore shaped my course for a Seamen's M.g and found a very small one in north Water Street where a very small number of persons were collected mostly Women and Children with none whom I could distinctly recognise as Sailors — the place was the 2d. Story of a building roughly fitted with seats & the whole number present might be about 30 — At the separation of the Meet.g I walked down Water Street to the Mariner's Church near Walnut St. into which I stepped as the Services were not quite over — This assemblage was in the Chapel which occupied the 2d. Story of the building — without galleries — except a small one in front of the pulpit for the Choir — The meeting

over 5 or 6 times, perhaps 8 times greater tha
at the other Meeting — but as before it ha
not much the appearance of a Sailors M
— from which it would appear that the
efforts to benefit this class of men in th
way are not very successful — In the
afternoon — John J Smith his wife, son a
daughter called by appointment to
go with us to the Friends Meeting in Arc
Street — Here unlike the Mg. in Ches
Street there was room enough for 2 or 3
the number that was present — indeed
the empty benches on the men's side of
the house was quite striking to the
stranger —

After Mg. we called on Geo. Stewart
son's, his wife formerly as Rachel Smit
of Burlington was a particular friend of
my M — She is now in very delicate healt
and serious fears are entertained by her fr
for the result — By engagement we th
went to take tea at Isaac Collins 129
Cherry Street — where we saw his large fa

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ly now temporarily encreased by the presence of Wm and wife and their 3 Children, who have recently arrived from Detroit Michigan - with the view of settling in New York - his former wife was my H's particular friend his present one - we had never seen, and thought very different from - seems like an estimable woman - On our return we stopped with Isaac's sister Ann and her niece & nephew at Mary Longstreths and had an interesting call - her daughters keep an excellent high School for girls - they were pupils of John Brewer formerly Preceptor of our Academy -

2. day 12th Eliz.th & Mary Fisher from Wakefield came in to see us, and spent part of the day - in going to Norfolk I took the two Marys to the Museum where I met Jn.o Smith, who accompanied me to the Chinese Collection made at great expence by Nathan Dunn who resided many years at Canton - pointing out and explaining the rare and rich specimens of Chinese

ost and indicating the habits and man-
ners and luxury of the people as well as
the poverty & [illegible] classes in the Celestial
Empire" Afterwards called at Thos. R. Mebis office & wrote letters
and returned through a [illegible] shower to dine in 4th St.
but did not get there and then mad
took tea at cousin Hannah Griffith's as below See note for
our way to William Wharton's to dine
and had a very pleasant visit — Thos
Deberah being excellent kind hearted com
after dinner — bro: W.L. Fisher and Benjam
Ferris called at N.M. B.F.'s conversation
showed the sound and intelligent mind for
which he has long been distinguished in th
Society — Cousin D. took me & them in
her carriage on her way to attend the Sa
ting of the Yearly M.g- and left her to m
& call on Sally Dickinson — where I join
her after calling at the Office of the "Penn
Freeman" in the hope of seeing its Editor
Jno. G. Whittier — but he was not in town
after leaving S. Dickinsons we called at J
Smith Jr's and after returning to our lod
ings went to cousin H. Smith's to tea whe
we saw Sally & Rebecca — the latter being
at home on acct of her uncomfortable trou
which is thot to border on insanity — Dom

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I impleasant indications of the effect of the severe trial of cousin Hs feelings were consigned on this meeting the family at a meal the first time for several months at her mothers invitation without the knowledge of their sister Hetty — and her daughters — by which Hetty Mifflin & her husband were prevented fulfilling their intention of being there in the evg

3d day 16th breakfasted with my Cousin Robt Fisher at the old house occupied by his father when I had so often in years long passed when in Philadelphia found a hospitable and comfortable home — Except for the absence of the other inmates the scene appeared but little changed — Still pursuing having experienced nothing of the modernizing spirit which is so hostile to every thing which bears the mark of antiquity — Thus the change which time has produced in the removal of all the other inmates which formerly were its tenants except the young of the family was melancholy in the recollection of by gone years —

After making a call or two on business returned to our lodgings, and afterwards went with my Cousin to the top of the State House and to the Academy of Natural Sciences — we also called at Jno Ridgway

went to see my cousin Thos Rotch but I
again disappointed of seeing him — as he
lying down. I find that I have mis
the transaction of yesterday — the visit at
Wharton's being this day. We with
S. Dickinson and J. Smith Jr & Jacob Smith
of yesterday as noted. In the e.g. we
were at a party at Thos W. Morgan's who
we found ourselves strangers to nearly
except the family, our nephews C & C
Fisher & W. H. Hathaway were there also
Sarah Smith of N York whom as
Griffith we formerly knew Rich. Wells
P. F. Griffith. I had also formerly
but by the changes indued by
time their countenances did not exact
accord with the impressions on my mem
ory, so that the eye did not recognise
their identity and a fresh introduction
was necessary to each of us.
4th day 16th In conformity with previ
arrangements I, ma chere H & Mary to
a carriage and after making some pr
liminary Calls at Shops &c took the
Girard College, the Cemetary of Lau
rel Hill and Ridgeway on our fare
well visit to our sons at Hamilton —
late departure from the City with refe
ence to our engagement to meet our frie
J. J. Smith Jr at the Cemetary, prevented

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us only to take a glance at the exterior of the College, which is to be the enduring monument of the rich Banker once the friendless little French Cabin boy — a noble monument in its Character and design but marred of Generous Character by the narrow illiberal and irreligious condition which ordered the exclusion forever of every individual bearing the Africa[illegible] Character — The Cemetary is an interesting spot beautifully situated on the lofty bank of the Schuylkill with considerable variety of Surface Cont[ain]g. about 20 Acres. — and laid out with taste and on the most liberal Scale — comprising the various requisites and accompaniments appropriate to its interesting object of a mural depository of the ashes of departed friends — At Rebbersons, in addition to the family of Elizabeth Roberson and Joseph Scattergood we met our nieces Eliz[a] & Mary Letitia and Ch[s] Fisher who had rode over from Woke field to take leave of us — after making a pleasant visit to Jos[h] Lea's family, and dining at Aunt Roberson's — we proceeded to the School — and found our sons well and contended in their new situation — took them with us to S. Trimbles and after tea returned to the School — examined their

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wems — Hale and some time after Sem
set off on our return to Phila & Newb
ford after taking leave of our sons an
their kind Instructor & guardians — o
arriving at the City about 2 P.M. we
stopped at Gen Stewartsons to take d
of his wife — Whose ill health ma
it very doubtful whether we should
her again

5th day 16th after performing a few com
missions on which had reference to
the gardening operations of our Hard boys
we left Mr Albisons for the Rail
Road depot after breakfast — towards
which family we feel an interest
usual on such short acquaintance
on such an occasion — The depot was
a scene of great confusion — in so
that it was with no small difficulty
and embarrassment that we & our lit
gage were deposited in the proper Car
no one that we could recognize as a
tached to the train being able to give
us the attention or information, I need
to resolve our doubts or transfer our
baggage from the Carriage to the train
in the confusion the shawls & mach
H & Mary were left in the Carriage
— after this we reached Newyork
without unusual occurrence about
3 P.M. — and again found lodgings
at the American Hotel and in the af
noon were able to get a room in the 5th Story

bro. Edm. called to see us in the evg. in the Ladies Parlor

6th day 17. Dined and spent the day at Jno. Budden Jr's - but we were sorry to find bro. Edmund quite sick in bed with pain in his side and chest - We called on our way thither to see Aunt Hay- ard, and also to go onboard the Brit- ish Steamer Liverpool - to sail tomorrow for that port - called also after din- ner to see my wife and Laurence & Hay dock & their families and o- J. Underhills

7th day 18 Made sundry calls. walked about the City with mache- H to went to the Wharf, to see the Liverpool take her departure from this port - with her full complement of passengers. among them our Daniel Webster - aboard 5 O'Clock by previous appointment we took the Harlem RR. Car to meet R. Wal- kers Carriage at Harlem & make them & Mary to make a visit at his house & returned to the City with the train - The Road & tunnell through which it passes is well worthy of the attention of a Stranger -

1st day 19th - Attended meeting at the Rosevelt St Ch. M. And at the N. River Ch. P.M. both for seamen - the former was well filled and interesting but the latter was very small with Nearly none of the class for which it was especially designed - called on S. Harrad & stayed into the Ch. of the Messiah in the evg and

2d. day 20th. Attended to some small items & called with Barrow & Porter's & one & two Shops in Maiden Lane and at Aunt Hazards, after getting in town from Robert Walker's place at West Farms, about 11 miles from the City, for which place I set off with a Carriage about Sunrise to bring into the City Mr. Chew & Mary who spent two nights there — The ride was very pleasant and we reached the City again at about 10 O'Clk — Mr. Chew & Mary dined at her Sister Betsey's — After dining at the American I went by previous appointment with H. Barrow to see the Staten Island Whaling Co's Oil Works at Brooklyn under the superintendance and Agency of a Mr. Smith — he was very civil in showing us the apparatus and premises which are upon a great Scale, and must have cost much money to the Canfields who planned the works — The

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from the Steamer

Vats for receiving and storing the Oil are of tin 6 of which hold from 2000 to 4000 Gals - together with 4 very large cedar Cisterns for whitening the Oil the pumping into the Cisterns from a metal Cistern sunk in the Ground is done by a Steam Engine, the Oil pressing by Screws, Tanghe presses on the Hydraulic principle - The bleaching Cisterns are heated by Steam and, the process is more economical than at any other manufactory with which I am acquainted - They press their Sp. with a Hydraulic press heated by Steam for the Sperm. Candles - for which also they use a Platina Circle w.h Mr. S. says is very superior to the common — after taking leave of Mr. S. we walked through the Navy Yard at Brooklyn and crossed the Ferry near that Yard to the residence of J Barrow Jun. where Mr. Chevalier Lister dined — and af-

ter making a visit to Ed. who continues in bed we went to H. H. Lawrence's to tea, & then we were joined in the evg. by J. Underhill & Wife Estabrook & R. Lawrence —

3. day 21 Made some calls on shops with ma Chen H. Hall — and attended to some business of My own in Pearl & Front Streets — Then returned to the Am. Hotel to go with ma Chen H. to Sister Betseys & to take leave, after some delay for a parcel expected from a shop in Maiden Lane, we walked thither to obtain it and then stepped into an Omnibus for East Broad Way and got out near J. Barrows — found brother Edmund without improvement & still in bed where I fear he will be confined for some days if not weeks — after making as long a call as our time would permit we returned in the same independent and comfortable Mode to the Park opposite the "Am." where were our Mary and her Cousin Rebecca, they having re-

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turned from their Morng. visits with their Uncle Henry to Catherwoods Panoramas of Thebes, Jerusalem &c — Our attention was now directed to preparing our trunks for our departure and after dining and completing the same we took a carriage for the Steamboat Massachusetts — where we saw again our Bro.r in law Jn.o & Henry Barrow & Wm. J. who remained with us till the time of starting when we parted and the Boat left the Wharf — and soon the great city and its congregated thousands and the hum of its industry its forest of Masts and its almost infinite Operations faded from our sight and hearing, and we were borne swiftly along in Commodious and elegant vessel by the beautiful Shores & elegant seats which border the East River, soon after tea we cheerfully retired to their Cabin & berths and I spent the ev.g in writing in part the arrears of my Diary till 10 — when I also retired to rest

4th. day 22. — The frequently suspended action of the Machinery of the Boat wch. I perceived through the night, satisfied me that the fog, of which we had some indication at Starting had impeded our progress, and I found on rising that we were not yet out of the Sound having been several hours at Anchor in the course of the night — we did not reach Newport therefore till about 9 O'Clock which we left after breakfasting at Townsends a little before 10 & arrived at home about ½ past 2, and had the great satisfaction of finding all of our friends as well as when we left. for wch. favor the appropriate feelings of Gratitude I hope were felt, and may be cherished to the Author of all our numerous blessings —

— The delay in the arrival of a letter wch. I wrote in New York made the family anxious about us as we were two or three days over the time which we had proposed to be absent — after Dining called to see Sister Sarah — who had had an afflictive

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dispensation in her family since Charles has been absent at Washington &c in the sudden death of one of their domestics "Mary Ann Sparks" who was cut down from apparent health, in the course of a few hours — We hear also of the sudden death of my Uncle Benj: Rotch who had been in feeble health for some time though probably not so as to occasion any immediate apprehension but he went off suddenly apparently without struggle in his sleep — Two other deaths I also learn have occurred among my acquaintance during our absence viz Capt: William Blackmer, after a short illness, and Noel Luper, who was one of my head workmen the ~~first~~ and ~~second~~ years of my operations at the Why — Thus though we find mother better and father Peace as well as when we left home, the indications of the uncertainty of life are present and striking, may they be duly improved by those who survive — in a more earnest engagement

to discharge their personal and relative duties. Called also to see mother and sister Anna & families —

5th. day 23d. After the morning hours I devoted myself to my business at the Cg. House & which I continued into the eve — called to see my mother who is comfortable having rode several times with benefit since our departure — The operations about the lots & garden &c appear to have been well attended to by Jacob & Maurice since I have been gone — and our premises as well as the Country generally wears a bright and Cheerful aspect befitting this Vernal season — The State of Vegetation being now rather less advanced here than it was at Philadelphia on our arrival there — The difference in time of the ~~Seasons~~ corresponding Stages of development of the Vegetable Kingdom in the two places being about three weeks according to my former & recent observation

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6th day 24th Spent the M.G. in writg & reading - and devoted the remainder of the day to C.G. house duties. called in the e.g. to see Aunt Mary - Ives also at mothers before going to the C.G. house who continues bravely. Our Mary took tea at Cousin J. Arnolds and Robt. Swain called here in the e.g.

7th day 25th. Spent the M.G. in reading &c at home from breakfast to dinner in attend to my out of door business calling at mothers' & Afternoon at the C.G. house e.g. made a call at our neighbor Thos. Robeson's

1st day 26th. Attended Meetings at Spring St. House, called at our neighbor Jas. Arnolds, and spent the remainder of the day about home - had calls from several of our friends in the course of the day, including Sally Russell to see Father Prior, Mr. Prescott called in the e.g. - We miss the boys at Hav.a particularly on this day of the w.

2. day 27th Occupied with my
Home business through the day
without much exception called at
Mothers — after it became too dark
to continue my Writing returned to a
late supper and passed the rem: of the
ev: in read: the papers, and conclu-
ded that if circumstances should fa-
vor my Start: in the early Stage
for Boston to morrow that I would go then
to look in upon the Anti Slavery Con-
vention which is to be there assembled
3. day 28th having rose in season to
leave the house with some probability
of gaining a seat in the Stage, took
leave of Mother and was just in
time by means of the light Waggon in
attendance to overtake the Stage a
short distance from Town — reached
Boston (Marlborough Hotel) about 11
and repaired to the convention at the
Church in Chardon Street, found there
A Robeson the two Winslows (Nathan & Isaac)
A Burton and several others whom I was

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acquainted with L — and a large num-
of delegates from different parts of
N. E. and considerable assemblage, as
many as the place which was not
large enough accommodate, of Men & Women
— among the latter Mrs Chapman & Mrs
Child — a vote taken previous to my
entrance, allowg. all persons inclu-
ing women to participate in the proceed-
ings had led a number of the promi-
nent Abolitionists to withdraw —
— some time elapsed before the busi-
ness Com^e made any report — when
they introduced a resolution on the im-
portance of moderation and a conciliа-
tory spirit on the part of the friends of
Emancipation at the present time, wh
though unanimously approved as it
ultimately proved drew from one of its
Advocates a Mr Lebaskin a course of re-
marks on the question which had pre-
viously been settled (in relation to the Woma
which from its singular & not very logic
character produced a long debate in

which many interesting Speeches were made — The afternoon Evg. Sessions were occupied by resolutions touching the part which it was incumbent on Churches & individuals to take on the great question of Slavery — I went with A.K to dine with his family at the Tremont House all of whom are here but for other objects than the A.S. convention — took tea at the "Marlborough" and retired. Having a room with a Mr Jewel from Phila who came to attend the anniversary of the Mass. Fem. Soc'y, which was held this evg in the Odeon — was very large, very interesting and very encouraging to the friends of this great Cause, but less momentous than that of the Slavery of the Colored population of our Country towards which a much less interest is as yet awakened — and a much more extensive hostility towards those who are engaged for its overthrow entertained.

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4th day 29. Had considerable conversation with my room mate before descending to the parlor so that I lost part of the Fam'y. Service which was fully attended and quite interesting — This sincere and humble prostration of the family altar commends itself strongly to my feelings and I always like to participate in such opportunities in silent thoughtfulness & mental devotion — After greeting those whom I knew in this very full house and taking Breakfast I left for the Depot of the R.R. Cars — and after a pleasant ride in company with my nephew Fred'k Roberts and others reached home about 1/2 OClk P.M. and found all as well as when I left — dined after the fam'y. and repaired to the G house where I finished the day, calling to see my mother on my return home — found her very comfortable — My bro's Wm & Charles have also

returned from Washington & this afternoon — I learn by letter from St. John that the Mary is in with 600 bls. Whl & 150 bls Sp. Oil — a very unsuccessful Voyage —

5th. day 30th Passed the Morning in writing up my Diary & in reading — Forenoon in the discharge of Custom house duties — Afternoon rode to Fairhaven on business and took with me in the wagon little Sue & Ellen & visited the Fort & Vicinity for their gratification — took measures for the removal of my building on Water Street, to save loss I now sustain in the high ground rent to which I am subjected on its present site. — devoted the latter part of the afternoon to Custom house business, and spent the eve. at home. when I found Mr. Morrison on my return making a call —

6th. day 31st Spent the Morning in writing my Diary and in reading — and the business hours principally at the Custom house

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6th J. accompanied Ma Chace H. in a call at Aunt Mary's, where we met bro: Wm & sister Rebecca, W. Prescott & Elliot — called in eve J. at bro: Wm to take home with us Mary — but found that she had returned with Alfred whom I felt sad since his return from his Winter residence at Key West

7th day 6m° 1 Spent the morning in read & writ J. called after breakfast to see mother and Sister Lydia & her husband who came from Fall River yesterday — the latter hav J. gone to Roy C. J. house to see me I repaired thither and was occupied the rem: of the forenoon in preparing a deed of Gift to Dan: Buffinton Jun: from myself on acc: of the residuary legacies of a lot of land in Fall River in consideration of his moderate circumstances and his agency in promoting the purchase by my father of the Fall River farm — We were prevented by rain from

having a call from M & L - which they proposed Making prior to leaving town at noon — I devoted the afternoon to C[hou]se cuties, & after a late supper to read the News Papers - which is my plate allowed to have accumulated

1st day 6m: 2? Attended Meetings at Fds. house. walked at the close of the first with little Ellen a short distance into the adjacent Country, found on returning Wm & Rebecca Ch[ris]t[ia]n & Thos R Robeson & Sybil and Some of the Children of the former — after tea rode a few miles with Frank into the Country with reference to my farming Operations and afterward called with our chaise at (the usual ride on having been accomplished) at Uncle Wm Roberts. —

2? day 3? — Attended the Mtg. of Bank Directors and Spent the rem: of the forenoon as mothers. Att. Mergens J. House & in writing to Our Sons at Haverford School - afterwards

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called at W. R Rotch Jos Rotch's
& C H Morgans with whom I
did at the Cg. House with
business preparatory to Sejourn
to Prov^ce relating to the affairs of the
Estate to-morrow
3^d day 4^th Set off in the Stage with
little Frank for Providence via
Fall River — took passage at the latter
place and repaired to Steam Boat
where among the other passengers ap-
peared M. H. Ringgold for the same
distination which made the passage
very pleasant the weather being very
fine though rather Cool. ar. about
10 a — made several calls without
success till an hour or two had
been used in walking about the City and environs
in finding the person of whom I was
in pursuit — Dined at the Frank
lin house, not to my taste though
expensive, and abundant in variety
& courses — after finding that I could
not accomplish my business as I ex

pected to do so as to return home this evg.
I repaired to the Steam Boat and left
him in charge with little Frank to
spend a day at Fall River — I then
repaired to a livery Stable and took
a Chaise to go to the residence of
Richard Anthony North Providence. about
4½ miles from the Town — found him
and after a long Conversation con-
cluded to take the Dividend of 25%
on the Debt due the Estate and accor-
dingly rec.d the am.t and surrendered
the note — returned to town and took
lodgings at the City Hotel. when I
found And.w & Anna & the young folks
— spent the ev.g in their parlor —
4th. day 5th. The weather very rainy
this forenoon — called at the Bank
— on Arnold Congdon, Thos. P. Rodman
— the Anti Slavery Depository, and the
Ct house of Gov.r Lemuel H. Arnold
was disappointed as in my previous attempts
to see him — I saw them however my
former Correspondent Holden C. Warden

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who gave me some information on the points of enquiry, which induced my endeavor to see Govr A. — Dined again at the Franklin House a Meal not to my taste either in matter or form because I could not find a Restoration where our time & taste may be better Accommodated and his Social nature as much edified as at a table of Strangers at that hour — After Dinner I repaired to the Boat and spent the Passage in the Cabin reading Gerrit Smiths Letter to Henry Clay on his late Slavery Speech in the Senate last Session — arrived at Fall River about 5 20/60 P.M. P.M. — transacted a little business with M. H. R. & took a little Exercise at the Pocasset House, and arr'd at home about 9 — and had the pleasure of finding all well — the weather continuing damp & rainy Drizzly

5th day 6th — Took the Children & Clarissa to see the Giraffe or Camelopard. the Ibex or Gemsbok, the Bontibok or antelope & the Gazelle, all rare animals from Africa and therefore interesting — all ruminating animals and with some exception for the Ibex, of very gentle natures. The lofty Giraffe taking his food from a basket handed to 13 feet from the ground and little gentle Gazelle which solicits attention by approaching and permitting the visitor to caress him as a little pet. Standing about 18 inches on his light and slender legs, make a pleasing contrast in the Scale of Ruminantia (if that is the scientific name for the class). I left the Children with Clarissa and went to the Cg. House &c after calling to see Mother and apprising her of the result of my Providence mission — Spent the afternoon at the Cg. House &c — giving some attention to the preparation for removing the building on Water Street. Got the

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6th day 7th Spent the Morning at home
readg &c and the remr of the day
principally at the C.J. house & except
a couple of hours in riding with
the three younger Children. to see
my lots &c — Mg. after dark
at home —

7th day 8th Mg. at home forenoon
principally at the C.J. House. Took
Mrs Chmth with Ellen & Frank a couple
of miles into the Country to see the
Parents of one of our domestics and
spent the remr of the afternoon at
the C.J. house, Evg., after the light
of day had so withdrawn as to
oblige me to desist from writing, I
returned and remained at home

1st day 9 Attended meetings at Spring
St. House; where was also Daniel Wheeler
the English friend who visited the Islands
in the Pacific Ocean on a gospel mission
in a vessel of his own or which was purchased
for him by his friends. of which having been
bred a Sailor he had the Command

— his communications were rather brief, very simple and to my mind apostolic — He called to see my father in law after meeting in the forenoon by our invitation, and was accompanied by Prince Gardner of Nantucket his daughter & son Jos. John Howland with whom he was engaged to dine — The visit was very satisfactory though quite unexpected — no previous knowledge being had of his being so soon here — A Mg. has been appointed for him at Jos. Mg. House to morrow at ½ O'clk P.M. — Our Fr. has been confined to day with a bruise on his heel — We have had no Calls to day with the above exception and have made none except at Ch.ˢ Howlands this afternoon with Miss Chace &c, to see his wife who leaves to morrow for Philadelphia to pass the time prior to their removal to the State of Newyork in the neighborhood of his brother Augustus —

2ᵈ day 10ᵗʰ Attended the funeral service on the death of our neighbor Paul Howlands son abt. 13 yrs old from a long illness

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originating in a cold caught in Skating last Winter which induced a violent and prolonged attack of inflamatory Rheumatism, which finally after great suffering was followed by consumptive Symptoms which terminated in death on 7th Inst. — at the funeral was Daniel Wheeler from England who made short exhortation as did Jos. Davis also Prince Gardner of Nantucket — I was engaged the remainder of the day at the C.H. House, at my building on Water Street which I am preparing to remove to — In the ev. attended a meeting appointed by Dan'l Wheeler for the inhabitants generall which was well attended and I think very satisfactory, in the course of which he alluded to the voyage from which he had recently returned prior to his leaving England in the Pacific Ocean & among its most important groups of Islands in a Gospel message — and to the destruction to the poor Islanders which had follow

their intercourse with the Civilized & Christian Nations, or they are called in the, by the introduction of Spirituous liquors, & Gunpowder & fire arms, and the diseases of their abominable licentiousness — So sensible are the Chiefs of the ruin that awaits and the desolation to which these practices are hurrying the ignorant and simple Islanders, that they besought him to go to England & America and beseech the Christians ~~to~~ to cease bringing them among them

3d. day 11th. Spent most of the day at the C.J. House, rode after breakfast with little Sue to my lot & c — paid some attention to my building on Water Street — dined at home, found the Rev. Mr. Snow and C.B. & Sarah Morgan on my return from the C.J. House, which was after the Shades of eve compelled me to desist from writing

4th. day 12th. Spent the morng. at the C.J. House and in attending to the workmen at the building on Water St — rode to my N.W. lot after breakfast, and took with

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me in the Wagon little Sue & Ellen, afterward called at the Ct. house & devoted the rem.r of the day to Cg. Hse employment and read.g the news — Evg at home. D.r Greene called to see Father Prior but spent the evg. principally with me. Father not inclining to see him on acc.t of the hour & his health to day — Frank easier but otitis confg. to his room

5.th day 12 — Attended the Mtg. of Bk Directors — and called at Mothers, gave some occasional attention to the preparation for movg the building on Water Street and spent the rest of the day at the Cg. House making an exam.n of my journal & ledger for the last 3 yrs — Evg at home — little Frank still troubled with his bile — it is slowly advancing to maturity

6.th day 14.th Spent most of the day at the Cg. House in re-posting in a concise form my business transactions — those of one year having been accomplish

evg. at home, except calling at
C.M. Morgans to bring home our little
girls Sue & Ellen, and afterwards
for a few minutes at our neighbors
Thos. Haynes. Mary being at her
Uncle Wm's at tea & with them
afterward at Mr. Dempster exhibi-
tion of his Vocal melodies—
4th Day 15th Devoted a considerable
part of the forenoon and some part
of the afternoon in effecting the
shipment of Rowland Tabor as
a boat-Steerer in the Ship Jasper
— he being under sentence at the
Alms House for Drunkenness. Called
several times at his mothers in rela-
tion to the object — Saw at
the last Call her D. Jane & her
husband who had just returned
from a visit at Saratoga Spring
— devoted the rem: of the day to
my Cy. house Jot — Effected at
3 mor. sevice — the operation being
done as I proceed — evg. at home

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Little Frank, had a tedious night from the state of his nervous system — sleeping very little but he has been comfortable to day. Dr. Reid having punctured the little abscess which may now be expected to be soon healed

1st. day 16th. Having a severe cold I remained at home all day — Chs. & Sarah called between Wm. & Benj. S. Rotch in the eve — Rachel & Alex. detained by Rheumatic pains in the shoulder & neck — Mary also with lameness, which suddenly seized her in walking yesterday afternoon. — so that we were none of us at meeting — all being unfit, except Sue, to go out from various infirmities.

2d. day 17th. My cold obliged me to remain at home to day also but I gave some attention to business — wrote to the boys — and read the papers — I hope to be abroad again to morrow —

3d. day 18 — Rode to and from the C.J. House passing the day in the examination of my books — saw Capt Cattle of the Ship Helvetia. lately arr.d at N York who report the Jas. Stewart as having left the Bay of Islands New Zealand 3 Months & 8 days full for St. John N.B.

4th day 19th Spent the day, after breakfast at the C.J. House, riding back & forth. also made a few calls in the way of business — wd. at home, retired early my cold continuing quite oppressive — Frank rode to day in the gig and amused himself in the yard with the little wagon & his sister Lucy

5th day 20th Occupied at the C.J House this day — riding to and from — in the afternoon the Ship Winslow Captain Pearce arrived from his whaling voyage in the Atlantic Ocean being obliged to return prematurely by his ill health — it is a broken voyage occasioned 1st by the illness of the Captain and 2d by the want of

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moral principle in his 1st & 2d Officers who opposition to his views and wishes did all they could to make the failure complete — I called to see the Captain at Willard Sears on my return at 6 P.M.

6th Day 21st Went out before breakfast to make arrangements relative to the discharge of the Winslow, and devoted the day to business connected with her &c — drank tea (or took my supper without tea) at mothers to accommodate my attendance of the Mg. of the Port Society Bd. Board in the Ev.g — returned to mothers and rode home with Sister Eliza on her way to a Party at Wm. C Rotch's —

7th Day 22d — Spent the forenoon at the C.H. House, Custom House &c afternoon the weather being rainy and I being troubled with pain in my head did not leave home after Dinner — Our Cousin Jas Arnold spent the Ev.g with me, Conversation principally in relation to the new requisition of Duty on Oil imported in our whalemen and

Tonnage duties – as on foreign Vessels if they shall have Sailed under a Register instead of a Licence

1st day 23d Attended meetings AM & PM – at Friends house. between mgs. Elvira Russell & Chd & Sarah Morgan called and after the 2d Wm & Rebecca, Phd & Anne Robeson & were also here before dinner and Wm R Robeson Matthias Howland and Geo T Hussey after tea — Rachel H was in the ev. at Jos Robeson's to see Eliz Angier when I went to attend her home

2d day 24th Spent the day after breakfast at the Cy House calling at Moses on the way — Cy after a rather late Supper at home reading the news — Sister P. was satisfied this day from the aggravation of her symptoms that it would be best to submit herself to D Reed's prescription of bleeding — and he was called for that operation after breakfast, which gave her present relief and I hope will be permanently beneficial

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3d. day 25th. The morng hours occupied in writg & readg. — the business hours at the Cg house & at home — readg. the news — the afternoon was mostly spent in conversation with Capt. C. B. Gardner on? to day from St. John N.B.

4th. day 26th. Occupied at the Cg. House throughout the day — at home before breakfast visiting and at my mothers with the rest of the family at tea — except Sister P. who has been ailed to day under the operation of a blister — I walked home with the three little ones after tea and returned and spent the remr. of the evg. My mother seemed very well again and with her usual brightness of faculties. — There was no other company —

5th. Day 27 Engaged at the Cg house thro the business hours of the day making preparing for a bottle with the Winslows men — & at home — Our

Cousins Thos & Susan Rotch arrived in Town to day from Phila

6th day 28 — Engaged through the business hours of the day at the Y. House Mg. & Eve. at home

7th day 29th Occupied assiduously through the day at the Y. House, morng. & eve. at home — assisting our daughter Mary in the Mg. and eve. the Papers in the Ly

1st day 30th Attended Meetings AM & PM. at Friends house of Worship — Elizabeth Coggeshall & Rachel Thornton from New York shared the vocal services with our own preachers — the former with her companion and Cousin Mary T. Buffum & Jay Barker, of Tiverton took tea with us E. being an old and particular friend of our father Prior. I called at Jos. Ricketson's to see Dan'l. & R. Thornton to ask them to give us also their Company — but learned that they were engaged for the afternoon and then from their lodgings. — I called at several meetings to see Our cousins Thomas &

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Sarah Rotch — found the former appearing better than I had expected to see him though the disease for which he underwent the terrible Surgical operation in Charleston S. Car.ª is not yet subdued — he is to take Dr. Warren's advice in Boston, and if thought prudent, he will probably submit to another operation by Dr. Stearns in the approaching Autumn — I also called at John Bailey's to see Henry C. Wright & Parker Pillsbury — agent of the N.E. Non-resisting Society — who seems to be a very frank and simple hearted Christian, I saw also Deborah Weston at J.B's. and had a pleasant Call — Remained some time after the two, with others present left to attend the Colored people's Meeting at the African Church — I stopped on my way to mothers after attending E. Coy & M. Barker to Wm C. Taber's. at a Meet.g of H.C. Wright at the old Unitarian Meg House — which was interesting to me — and respectably attended. Though Casually by many, without

any strong interest in the doctrine as indicated by their frequent entrance and retiring ~~of them~~ during the discourse
2d. day 7mo. 1 — Occupied at the C.G. house during the business hours of the day, other part at home — had the Company of Henry C. Wright at Dinner and of Catharine Lea and Martha Robeson at tea — Andrew Robeson Jr. called late in the ev. to attend them home, and Rd. Beckwith the Agt. of the Mass Peace Soc. called on a collection errand
3d. day 2d. Devoted the hours between breakfast and tea mainly to business cares at the C.G. house. My wife ev. at home — Sister Phebe still in her room — her symptoms of disease somewhat mitigated
4th. day 3d — Occupied at the C.G. House through the business hours of the day which from the quietude incidental to a rainy Storm was favorable for the

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Continuance of my examination of my books, interrupted by the arr. of the Winslow — by — as home 6th. day 4th — Occupied as yesterday — the partial suspension of business abroad on acct. of the holyday favoring the continuance of my examination of my accts — There has been less bustle than usual, no military exhibition — and little other boisterous rejoicings — The perambulation of our streets under the bright Summer Sky, and cheering the fag of the U.S. Constitut. the principal Recreation — Sister P. was bled again to day her symptoms indicating the prosperity of the operation — U.S. as home R.T. Paine of Boston called —

6th day 5th Spent the day principally at the M.G. Civil writing to our sons to go by Wednesday's D. Packet at the U.S. House continuing the exam. of my books as the principal object of my attention though much interrupted by the concerns of the Winslow — which vessel

is now nearly loaded for another voyage or the supplement to her late Cruise ~~to~~ ~~at home~~ — I was occupied much of the afternoon with one of the Officers of the Margaret on her late most ominous voyage — Eve. at home writing till late with reference to matters connected with that voyage and the actors therein — 7th. Day 6th. Rose early to send by the P.R. Stage my letter which was not finished in time to be mailed — and spent the Mg. at the C.J. house, after breakfast till the time of Bro. Edmunds departure to return to New York. I was busily engaged in writg. to go by him he left us at 10 Oclk, Spent some time after in sketching a note for our dear H. to our neighbors at the West, and finished the day at the C.J. house, Eve at home Sister Phebe was bled again day before yesterday & yesterday had a repetition of the blister to her Chest under the effects of which she has been very uncomfortable to day

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1st Day 7 We had a disturbed night in consequence of little Frank being afflicted and kept awake by severe tooth ache — Our endeavors to give him relief were unsuccessful and when morning arrived and we were able to get Dr Kneeland I found no chance of applying it with any prospect of success — the pain appearing to be from a tooth which had been filled recently & seemed no chance for the introduction of the fluid to the carious part — an anodyne enabled him to get sleep in the forenoon and he was not much troubled with pain after he awoke but he remained abed through the day — Chas H. & Selfs 3 daughters attended Friends meeting — & M. as I did in the afternoon — Mary accompanying her cousin Ellen to the Unitarian — after the 1st meeting I called at and as I did with little Ellen as aunt

Many between Mrs — and at T. H. Grimes in the ev. to attend Mrs Chew H + d^r —

2^d day 8^th. Occupied through the Mg. and day at the Cy house — attended the Mg. of Bank Directors before breakfast — ev. at home

3^d day 9^th. Engaged at the Cy. House through the day called at mothers and at Wm A Wallis Painting rooms to leave a couple of pictures which Mrs Chew H has received from her Sister Betsey — J. D Elliot and his neice called in the ev. — Inval occupied till late writing a letter of Instruction for Capt Grinnell of the Winslow

4^th day 10^th Spent the day at the Cy House ev. at Home — Jo Grinnell called with Professor Espy the Meteorologist, who has recently been lecturing in Barton & the adjacent towns he is from Philadelphia —

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5th day 11th — Engaged through the day at the C.J. house W.J. at home little Ellen who was a little unwell yesterday supposed to have been occasioned by a contusion on the abdomen by the handle of a Grindstone which slipped from her hand while she was turning it — complaining of pain in that region especially when crying as she was several times — so that Dr. Read prescribed for her on his visit to Sister or on a subsequent consultation — She had rather a disturbed night and was quite feverish — but is better to day — having resumed much of her accustomed Cheerfulness Sister Phebe — also seems rather better —

6th day 12th Engaged through the day at the C. House Dr. Bolton with Ann Chew H and Mary & Frank as Dr. Reads with no other Company and had a pleasant visit — Sister P.

not quite so well this afternoon having been injured by too much exertion of her lungs in talking to father Pmi whom she visited in his room to day —

7th day 13 Devoted the day & forenoon to expediting the departure of the Winslow — the Ship having been towed down to the light House by the Steam tucker Steamboat when she left for her trip at 8 O Clock — Capt Grinnell and the rest of his men went off in the Pilot boat at 10 Oclk but the advanced state of the day in conjunction with the Wind & tide induced them to defer sailing till Morning — Spent the afternoon principally at the Cyclorama, &c. after dark at home. The Ship Committee with Messrs Lyon & Hoffman, who had formed a part

1. day 14th Attended Meetings, and called after Dinner to see my Cousin Sarah R. Arnold relative to a misunderstanding, which has arisen between my wife and Aunt Arnold and Thence

extended to Sarah & her husband — My endeavor was to show her that my wife had acted with perfect good faith throughout and that she was fully justified in taking the view that she did of A. A. Manner, and in feeling wounded at it, and that there was nothing in her notes to S A, or the subject which was not warranted by the position in which she so unexpectedly found herself placed — She seemed to accept the explanation, but Cousin James is absent, and it remains to be seen whether confidence & kindness are to be restored or whether an injurious construction of one of the most simple transactions, which ought to have been correctly viewed as the free frank act. of my wife to S A & brought her by her sister, and in which my wife is not liable to a shadow of blame, — or whether an ingenious and distorted version will still be adhered to by them, and a corresponding sense of injury be

still continued in My wife and her friends on
her account — In the Ev. I attended the
Service at the Episcopal Church Mr
Bent officiated Ma Cher H & Daughter
Mary with me
2d. day 15th Occupied at the Cf. House
in writing sundry letters relative to
the business at St John &c some of
which were to go to 1st place by Dan.
Donaghey recently from there — who is
to command the Ship James Stewart
on her next Voyage — Was thus oc-
cupied till late in the ev — I called
before Dinner to see My mother who
continues in Comfortable health for
one of her age — Sister Phebe con-
tinues very unwell — the repeated
application of blisters on the Chest
having been very troublesome and de-
bilitating — Father Prior seems to
have improved in Strength and health for
the last few weeks so that the
idea of getting below Stairs again
has revived in his mind —

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3d day 16th — Spent the day after an early breakfast in at the Cg. House prosecuting the examination of my books — Eg. after a late Supper at home — when I found bro. Benj.n & Sister Susan & Lydia Green — Sister Phebe has had a more comfortable day than of late

4th day 17th Attended at the Cg. house through the day prosecuting my examination of my books and in the Eg. attended Mr. Espy's lecture on Storms — which was interesting and his theory of their formation is highly probable — the Rev. Mess.rs Burt & Snow called towards Eg. but I did not see them as I returned from the Cg. house only in time to attend the lecture at 8 o'clk

5th day 18 Occupied at the Cg. house as heretofore — attended Mr. Espy's

2d Lecture in the evg — with which I was also much pleased

6th day 19th Spent the forenoon and Morning at the 24 hours Pell at home — Mr. Espy dined with us — and Jas Congdon spent a part of the afternoon with us — We had much interesting Conversation on Meteorological Phenomena — I attended his 3d Lecture in the evg — and by request of the audience or some of them he gives another Lecture evg

7th day 20th Occupied through the day at the Cg house — and in the evg attended with Ma chere H. and Mary Professor Espy's Lecture on the general subject of his Theory of Storms — which I am sorry to say was very thinly attended — It was, like his previous Lectures very interesting — Stopped after the Lecture to see his "Nethescope" or instrument of his invention for measg

the Midst of Clouds — called subsequently with Mrs Chevett. at Bro. Williams —

1st. day 21st Attended Meeting at Friends House of Worship. at 11 the forenoon was Elizabeth Robson & her husband from England — the former spoke at considerable length in an connected and affecting manner — found Andrew & Rimah Mason there on our return — When they left I called to see Professor Espy and he accepted my invitation to attend Meeting and take tea with us — Our neighbor J Agnew also gave us his company — We had much conversation on Philosophical subjects recalling to my mind many things which from long disuse had measurably faded from my memory — and giving many new ones connected with beautiful and satisfactory Theory for the formation

of Clouds and the origin and action of Storms - about 9 O'Clk
Mr went over to Jas. Arnolds to see
the night Blooming Cereus -
which was developed so as to
show its delicate and beautiful
structure. and to regale the Sense
with its delicious perfume -
- Saw the ladies of the family
with a number of their friends
and acquaintance attracted like
ourselves by this unsurpassed pro-
duction of Flora's reign - after
nearly an hour thus spent I
retired with him and accompa-
nied him to his lodgings and
took leave - he designing to
set off in the early Stage to-mor-
row for Providence
2d. day 7th - Attended at the
meeting of Bank Directors. Spent
some time in getting Subscribers
to Prof. Espy's book, which he
has ready for the Press - and de-

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voted the rem. of the day till dark principally in the discharge of Cg house and accidental duties — after a late supper I made sister P. a short visit, who has had a somewhat more comfortable day — and finished the ev. in writing up this journal

7 mo 23. Spent the day principally at the Cg. house prosecuting my job of balancing my books, called at mother's, and spent the ev. at home — Sister Susan called and her son William came late in the ev. after bathing to attend her home — Sister Phebe seems rather better and has spent most of the in her sister's room on the second floor — It makes an agreeable change of position & prospect — — Our Dr. Mary & Susan went to our Cousin Arnolds to see their third Night blooming Cereus — but it was not developed I

or but very partially before their return —

4th Day 24th Engaged at the C[hoir] House through the day & eve. at home Sister Phebe has had a pretty comfortable day. Our children were at a Picnic at Uncle Benjamins farm in the afternoon, little Ellen making a short call there with her mother who also went with her to Wm A. Walls — the others returned about dusk and appeared to have enjoyed the occasion very much

5th Day 25th Occupied as usual at my C[hoir] House Composition & examination which I hope to finish this week — Called in the eve. to enquire after our neighbor Jas. Arnold & had a favorable account though his symptoms are yet somewhat severe. — Called afterwards to see the English friends Eliz Robson & husband at Geo Howlands and in-

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bite them to call and see Father Prior — Geo & Susan are absent from their home on a similar Mission — ~~Geo~~ Matthew & Susan remaining to perform the rites of Hospitality to their English guests — found them very agreeable in Conversation — called afterward at our neighbor T. R Greenes. where Ma Cheever & Mary Spent the principal part of the Eve

6th day 26th Spent the day with little exception at the C.J house. made some enquiry relative to horses for our proposed journey for the benefit of Sister Phebe's health — C.J. at home, Ann & her son Benj. a were here — Sister Phebe has been more comfortable to day also but the stricture on her Chest continues — She has not yet rode but will probably do so the first favorable day [illegible] to-morrow —

7th day 27th Engaged at the C.J. House through the day. C.J. at home — Sister

Phebe took a short ride and bore it well — I took little Ellen & Jane to a shop or two to get presents for their brother Frank on this his 12th birth day anniversary — and the children had a party of little folks in the afternoon & eve — Dr Read called to take his children home, and W.C. Roberson & his wife called at the door for Ellen — he informed me that the Focasset mill by the Bridge in Fall River was in great danger of destruction by fire to day. the roof in one part was considerably burnt, supposed to have arisen from Spontaneous Combustion in cotton waste which had incautiously been permitted to accumulate

1st Day 28 — Attended Meetings — at which were Eliz. Robson & her husband of Liverpool (England) the afternoon Mg. being postponed to 5 O'Clk & a genl invitation having been given was quite large and I think satisfactory — they with Rachel Thornton called on further after my Arr. they

Sun like very clear. wellbred. mild-
Spirited people — Called to see
Mother in the eve.
2d. day 29th. Spent part of the fore-
noon in trying a pair of horses. and
in giving Sister Phebe a ride — in
the afternoon tried another horse — and
endeavored to find a match for him
and finally succeeded in finding on
in a horse of Capt. Dan'l Woods Thought
rather light — the Carriage and horses
were weighed — the Carriage weighs
709 lbs. the mare 966 lbs. & the horse
847 lbs — eve. at home mo Chase
& Lydia Bunny & Sister Eliza to take
tea &c
3d. day 30th Spent some time in-
the morng. completing the bargains
for the horses procured for our proposed
Journey — and afterwards in giving
Sister Phebe a ride with them —
The rem.r of the day was spent in
Cy. House duties — made a call

at noon on Uncle & Aunt Dean at Uncle Williams — and in the ev. went with ma Chas H. to a small party at Mr. Beanes

4th Day 31st Spent the day at the C.H. house with the exception of taking a ride with Sister Phebe and Sue & Ellen round the river —

5th Day 1st — Attended the Meeting of Bank Directors and devoted the rem: of the day to my tedious County house job — the balancing of my ledger remained till dark — Sister Phebe had her friend Eliza Grinnell to visit her and the former remained below through the ev — which I think was scarcely prudent — Jos. Grinnell Jr. called to accompany his Sister home: Saltd Oats — I Arnolds for a few minutes in the ev — he is much better but I did not see him as he had returned

6th Day 2. I took a short ride over to & around Fairhaven with

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Sister P. Ellen & Sue — and Spent the rest of the day at the Cg. House

— 4th Day 3d Occupied with little intermission at the Cg. House — Sister Jodi again to day I did no go with her — But was disappointed at hearing after the return that the horse which I had of Dan'l. Wood was lame, so as to make it unpleasonable that he can perform the proposed journey — but on sending him to the Blacksmiths — was glad to learn that the lameness was probably occasioned by the prick of a nail — Our niece Eliz.h Rodman took tea with us — and Benj.n called for her in the ev.g

1st Day 4th Attended M.g. A.M. at Friends house & in the ev.g. at the Episcopal, Called at Uncle Wm. Rodman and Spent the rest of the day at the Cg house bring up my entries which had been suspended since the 10th Ult.o — Mean.t of balancing

(my books – to be prepared to set off as soon as possible day 3d day next with Sister B. whose care does not admit of delay. Judy Besott called 2d day 5th Employed at the Cg. House all of the time that I could spare from measures to readjust my arrangements for the journey, made necessary by the [illegible] of one of my horse in shoeing – not being able to get another horse to match mine & finally accepting my mothers Offer of hers – continued my labors at the Cg house thro most of the day –

3d day 6th – Engaged at the Cg house before breakfast which was deferred till the Dinner hour to complete my Cg house preparations for our journey. When I was ready to set off but as Mrs Chenett & Sister preferred leaving to morrow eve – and my Bro H Roberson had offered me a horse which he thot more suitable with my load than mothers for our journey, I concluded to take him if he should answer on trial when we get to Fall River where he is

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having previously, viz this afternoon rode out to consult with A R's farmer who has used the said horse with the mare w.h I have recently bo.t of him for the journey — he being of opinion that would answer my purpose — I passed the afternoon in making some final arrangements for our departure in the morning with one of mothers horses as far as Fall River —

In the ev.g I made a call at our cousin James Arnold's with reference to a little misunderstanding which has recently arisen from my wife's engagement of a domestic with whom S. R. A had been in treaty. after my wife's most friendly endeavors to promote cousin Sarah's wishes by inducing her to go to her, had failed, and the girl referred to had declined the place, to cousin S; full understanding as my wife must sincerely believed. I did not see cousin as she was confined to her room with her usual illness — sent the message by cousin Eliz.a. And I called to see if I could take leave of my cousin Mary

14th. Day 9 I Repaired to the C.H. Tolerable early to note some business transactions previous to leaving home as I expected to do about 9 or 10 Oclk — but a Woman coming up rendering our departure uncertain I remained partly to avoid the rain & partly to complete my business longer than I had intended — The weather having cleared up I had the Carriage with one of Mr Allen's horses brot. up and we got off about 10 Oclk — The ride was pleasant and we arrived at Fall River about 1 Oclk — went to my brt. M. H Ruggles and spent the afternoon in trying the horse which I purpose taking for our journey — they went well together and — we took Mrs Ann Sister L in the Carriage to Wm R Robeson's house — now advanced to the framing of the Roof — I examined

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N. H. R the part of the Bridge mill which was injured by the fire which took in the attic and was near destroying the building & Machinery — It was fortunately arrested after doing considerable damage perhaps to the amt of $200 ——

5th Day 8 — Left Fall River about 10 AM and proceeded for Providence where we arrived at 2 PM and stopped at the City Hotel kept by Robert Earl where we were very well accommodated — The afternoon was a little showery — I however walked out with little Ellen and afterward with her mother to a few Shops — not knowing where to find mother friends Edric Lyman & Miss Fuller as the weather was unpromising I did not look them up —

6th day 9th A hard shower with fog & Thunder augured rather unfavorably for travelling — But

after sending the Carriage once from the Door to wait till a Night Nurse was over we set off and had very tolerable weather — a part of it with beautiful Cumulus Clouds strongly relieved on a clear blue Sky — arriving at our destination Woonsocket about 10 Clk — before setting off we saw Mr. Farley — who gave us some information about Miss Lyman & Fuller the latter having left Providence and residing at Jamaica Plain near Boston in charge of the education of some young ladies — We found the best House at Fall River (Richards) but very indifferent and it was not without much reluctance that we concluded to remain till Morn — Sisters delicate health to benefit which was the object of our journey, rendering it undesirable to go further — and the uncertainty of joining

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letter in point of accommodations together with the wish which I had that my dear H & sister should see the falls and the surrounding scenery made us decide to remain —

On the route from Providence we passed through Pawtucket Lonsdale & Cumberland — the route lying along the Blackstone River — the surface was much diversified affording many pleasant views some on an extended scale — The weather was hot in the afternoon the wind high and from the dry and dusty state of the roads & streets of the village the dust made walking more uncomfortable — I however gratified little Ellen by taking a pretty long walk, watching the passage of several boats through the locks & towards sunset my dear H. walked

with me to see Stephen S Smith's
Manufg. Establishment — the "Hamlet"
which was quite interesting from
the neatness of all the arrangem^t
throughout the Village — The walk
made us late at supper the distance
being about one mile — Sister was
not well enough to walk out &
we regretted that we had not taken
the Carriage to give her also a view
of the beautiful surrounding Scenery
which however lost much by the low
State of the Water in the river, it be-
ing scarcely more than enough for the
Manufactories — so that the falls were very
inconsiderable and bore no Com-
parison to the State in which I saw
them some months since

7th day 10th. After breakfast we left
Woonsocket having first met with one
of my Bedford Orphan Cancer Wm Ody

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who was about setting off for home which he expected to reach this week. I availed of this prompt opportunity to forward a letter which I had written to our daughter Mary to apprise them of our progress thus far — and of Sister P's being as well or better than when we set off on the journey — We leave our well disposed but rather incompetent host as far as regards the appointments in which consists the comfort of travellers like us, we retraced our steps about ½ of a mile to regain the road which we left on driving to the Village and then continued the route by the River Blackstone passing the many villages of Waterford Blackstone & Millville — we stopped at Uxbridge to water the horses &c This is an older village — and would apparently have furnished us with very satisfactory accommodations had

be required either Food or rest
— from this place we intended to
go to Grafton to dine passing thro'
Holbrook & Farnum Villes — the dis
tance being 8 miles but by a mis-
direction we got on the road to
Millbury — which we reached
at 12 miles from Lexbridge & 6 from
Worcester — here we were very
comfortably served with dinner
at Johnson's Inn — and spent some
time in walking about the Town
which is situated in very pleasing
& diversified Country — and embel-
lished by some fine houses —
Here is the State Armory where
small arms are made — and a
Cotton Manufactory — Scythes
also appear to be made on a
large Scale — at 4 O'Clk
we set off for Worcester riding
slowly to enjoy the scenery —

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which was very interesting, the weather was very fine, but cold there in the earlier part of the day — we stopped at Mr Porter's Temp.ce House and found ourselves in an establishment which answered our wishes in all respects — after tea I walked with my Cher H. and called at several shops little Ellen being our attendant as closely as her buoyant spirits and ardent curiosity would permit — — after returning I sought and found the means of taking a warm Bath

1st day 11th — Rose rather later than usual, having had a disturbed night from a disordered Stomach — probably occasioned by the change in the weather — against which I did not adequately guard by extra Clothing — Attended meet-

ing at the Congregational Meeting
house with Mr. Porter & his family
of which Mr. Switzer is pastor and
heard from him a very excellent
Sermon from the text Commune with
thy own heart on thy bed and be
still — Ma chere H & little Ellen
were also there — Sister being un-
able to attend remained at our
Comfortable lodgings — after
partaking of a simple though good
and quite sufficient dinner (no-
thing being cooked to day) as Ma
chere H chose to remain at home with
her sister & little Ellen I took the oppor-
tunity to visit the Asylum for the In-
sane by attending divine Service at
the Chapel — The Rev. Mr. Switzer of-
ficiated in a short discourse from the
text "The Kingdom of Heaven is within
you" — with prayer & praises in which
some of the Patients participated both
vocally & instrumentally — All of

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Patients were very neatly attired and behaved with perfect propriety — Three of them who were from New Bedford I knew — and after the Service was over one of them Dennis Covell showed an inclination to speak with me but the Superintendant D. Woodward thought it not advisable to permit it — as he is too deaf to understand Conversation and to write replies to his enquiries from former experience would be very tedious and unsatisfactory — as his insanity is of a peculiar character involving great jealousy and suspicion of many individuals including some of his nearest relatives as well many of the most respectable characters of our place — which it was

found impossible to allay — and which it was finally seriously apprehended might lead him to the perpetration of some violence or injury to person or property which he had on several occasions threatened —

— After making some enquiries of the superintendant respecting those from New Bedford all of which seem to be discouraging cases I took a long walk about the environs of the Town which are very beautiful and embellished with many handsome buildings — of spacious dimensions and ornamented with Colonades — all in a fine state of preservation and well painted — generally white — — After tea I took another walk in a more southerly direction — and found other fine

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looking buildings — warranting the impression of the general comfort and not improvident affluence of the inhabitants. — I should judge that the Rail Road from Boston had given a decided impulse to the general prosperity of the place, which more than ~~exceeds~~ equals our expectations which were originally pretty high — population about 5000

2d day 12 The weather being rainy our journey was necessarily suspended till afternoon — and we therefore Spent the morning in a pleasant parlor or sleeping rooms as was most agreeable — The arrival and departure of the Rail Road Cars afforded considerable entertainment the depot being plainly in view — After dinner as the rain appeared to be over we made preparations

for continuing our journey towards Northampton — But previous to our final departure we took a ride to the Asylum to see the exterior (as we supposed we had not time to walk through the Institution — and the beautiful view from its Commanding Scite; and by the Antiquarian Hall — and the most elegant buildings in the Town and returned to our pleasant lodgings to take on Baggage and our final leave — But in being in complete readiness to start the weather put a veto on our proceeding by re-commencing to rain — Sister Pi health not being adequate to exposure in unpleasant weather we had our baggage taken back to the house & we contented by again put our-

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delves on the list of minutes. This detention was improved by mar- Chen H & self to visit the Anti- quarian Hall taking little Ellen with us — This is a valuable & extensive repository of Historical and miscellaneous tract memoirs periodicals &c illustrative of the early history of this State & of the other States of the Republic — also a large collection of old works particularly of the Bible in the different languages & Editions of Continent times — also portraits paints Statuary & many antiqu- articles of Furniture, Some, brot- from England by the original set- lers at Plymouth — The Institu- tion was founded by the Late Jos- iah Thomas of this Town about 20 years ago —

After tea we accompanied our very worthy and pleasant hosts to hear an address by the Rev Mr. Chickering of Portland on the means we are in action to evangelize France — respecting which his statements were very interesting — his object was to awaken an interest in the subject and obtain pecuniary aid to increase & carry on those means — much stress being placed upon the dissemination of the Bible by means of persons employed to sell it at the lowest cost price to such as will become purchasers these agents are called Col- porters and their success has excited a great readiness on the part of the people or a large portion of them to become possessed of this hitherto sealed

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volume to the disciples of the Roman Church —

3d day 13th The weather being fine we make preparations to leave our very pleasant home at the Am Temp. Hotel by E. Porter and set off between 8 & 9 O'Clk. — having accidentally met with my former acquaintance Charles Hadwin — who now is a farmer in this Town a Leicester we accepted his kind offer to conduct us to Newberry Grove the residence of the families of Silas & the late Pliny Earl — and the neighborhood where my father resided with his mother & sisters during a part of the Revolutionary War — The house, one story, and now old dilapidated is yet standing about ½ of a mile from the house of the late Pliny Earl — The old School house where my father taught School for

one or more Winters which was at the
corner of the road leading from the main
road by their house is no longer stand-
ing but has been supplied by another
on the opposite side of the Road, this
has now an old appearance — I should
think it of about the same size as
the former one (perhaps 16 to 20 ft. square
which I saw in 1817 when I passed
through this Country with my sister
Sarah & Mary Rotch on our way
to Saratoga Springs — We stopped at
the Card Manufactory of Silas Earl to exam-
ine the curious and beautiful machin-
ery by which manual labor is now whol-
ly dispensed with in making and
putting the Cards for the Cotton &
Woollen Carding Machines — We after-
wards made a call at Wm. P. Earls
introduced by her son in law C. Hadley

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Penn — we then saw besides the old lady her daughters Eliza & Lucy the former known to us through Gov. Howlands family — She having kept a School of some celebrity for several years — and G. H's daughter been one of the family as a boarding Scholar — we also saw her sons William & Pliny the latter of whom has recently returned from Europe where he has spent several years in prosecuting his medical studies — William is said to be a mechanical genius, and we saw a medal awarded to him by the Massachusetts Mechanics Society (Salem) for an improvement in the Card Setting Machinery — This visit was an interesting incident — Eliza has accepted the Charge of a School in West Chester Penn^a & within the will go in a few

weeks — after leaving this family we continued our ride towards Leicester Village passing the meeting house on the site of that in which my aunts Hazard and Rotch were married — It is a very pretty place surrounded with luxuriant Pines and trees of this description closely planted for some distance the road leading to the Thoroughfare from Worcester — About 60 years have now passed since the events connected with my fathers family to which I have alluded occured, and my aunt Hazard is now the only survivor and has for about 20 years resided in Newyork City — We stopped to water the horses at Leicester and then proceeded to Brookfield to dine a pleasant Town where we were com-

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portably entertained in the afternoon we continue our journey to Ware and put up for the night — The ride from Worcester abounded with interesting views — the part near Ware was comparatively of recent date and though a rocky as well as hilly district — we reached the latter place about sunset and stopped at the Inn kept by a Mr. Phelps 4th. Day 14th. Ware is a manufacturing Village of about 15 years date and now numbers from 1500 to 2000 inhabitants — The business was unprofitable in the hands of the first proprietors and it has recently been again put into operation by other owners who will probably flourish on the ruins of their predecessors — We left the Village after breakfast

for Belchertown to Dine and North-
ampton to lodge - arrived at Bel-
chertown at 10½ Oclk - the road be-
ing very hilly and somewhat
muddy - as there was eligible
place for dining between this and
Northampton we stopped till 3
O'Clk. and then again set for-
ward - Belchertown is famous
for its light open Wagons which
its manufacturers first brot into
notice or fashion - We had a
very fine ride to Northampton -
the road generally good and the
country delightful combining the
mountain scenery of Holyoke and
the quiet and fruitful valley of
the Connecticut - The sky was
mostly veiled by the clouds wch
were constantly forming and
several showers were seen in a

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Northern direction — sweeping to the Westward by the current of the atmosphere which had that direction — On getting to Hadley, a copious shower appeared to be approaching — which prevented our extending our ride a little through Hadley — and it began to rain just before we reached the Mansion house in Northampton — but not to do us any injury — We have very comfortable apartments — The house is large and airy — an pleasantly situated a little out of the Center of the Town — We were disappointed in not finding letters from home on our arrival — but the mail in the m.g. relieved us from the disappointment by bringing us a pleasant letter from our daughter Mary written on 1st. day of the present week. I met unexpectedly an acquaintance here Mr. Sylvester Graham or Dr. Graham as he

is now called. who it appears has resided here for the last 4 years to give his daughter the benifit of Miss Dwights School, which he considers the best in the Country —

5th Day 15th I rose early and took a long walk in the environs of the town, Round Hill &c. before breakfast After brk. rode to Mount Warner in company with Mr Graham and a friend of his Mr. Sheldon of Albany with some of his family. We had a pleasant ride — to near the summit of the mountain to which Ma chere H & Ellen ascended with those in the other Carriage except a sister of Mr. Sheldon & a little Child too young to scramble up. — In the afternoon Ma chere H. little Ellen & self set off for Mt. Holyoke as we should probably have no other time to make the ascent — before crossing the ferry we were overtaken by another party from our house in a Barouche belonging to the place which by take

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ing the lead Dirwid us as a guide, wch as it proved was quite necessary though I had been informed that the Path & road was so well defined that I could readily trace them — But I found that the road was much more steep and rough than I expected to find it so that I should not have succeeded or persevered without some one acquainted with it to precede us — Having reached the point at wch the horses must be left (though the Carriages had been left by some or all of the ladies during a considerable part of the ascent) the horses were taken from the Carriage and began to Climb at an average angle of about 45° wch brought us to the Summit. after going about 1/4 of a mile — On the Summit is a rough Stone tenement meant for a house — it has a roof and is rough boarded at the sides but without Doors or windows

having been just in those there are openings designed for their convenience — here we found so cool a breeze after the heat of the laborious ascent that a shelter from its influence was very desirable. — this could however be but partially procured — and therefore the grand & beautiful Scene around beneath us was not so much enjoyed as it might have been under more favorable circumstances — after being refreshed with some cake and lemonade furnished by a person who makes a business of supplying in that line the wants of the Visitants of the Mountain — we commenced the descent — which with much deliberation & care was safely effected and we reached our lodgings a little after Sunset. The time occupied in the excursion have been about 3 hours instead of 1½ as was vaguely imagined. the distance from the Village to the summit

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being about 3 Miles — after wch I attended Dr. Webster's lecture for the Citizens of Northampton on Philology which he delivered at the request of some of them, which was given in the Town Hall — the room was not large but respectably filled. —

6th day 16th After breakfast we spent an hour in riding round this beautiful rural town. There are some elegant situations such as "Round Hill" and others in that quarter and many fine houses with extensive Gardens embellished with beautiful flowers — The Elm trees which have been justly considered as one of the greatest Ornaments of the Town did not impress me as they did on my former visit (in 1817) and I was

told that from some cause or other they look less well this summer than usual — The foliage is thin and light instead of the thick luxuriant character which belongs to the tree in this region — We passed with profound respect the venerable mansion of the late Governor Strong one of the purest patriots and best men of which Massachusetts can boast among her long list of worthies — his son Lewis Strong Esq. I believe is the only survivor of his family who is a respectable lawyer of the place & I believe the tenant of the old mansion — We finally left Northampton about 10 p.m. C. Mk. and proceeded to this place [Chesterfield] to dine intending to go to Worthington to lodge but the premonitory

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indications of a N.E. rain Storm which for a day or two have been observed had so increased as to admonish us by a slight Sprinkling though most of the side of it's near appearance and - before we had prepared for proceeding a copious rain beginning the idea of getting on further to day — we were made very comfortable by a good fire - and the arrival & departure of sundry Stages loaded with passengers from Pittsfield and Lebanon Springs principally ladies, gave a pleasant variety to the afternoon, which was partly spent in writing to our friends at home —

7. th day 17th After breakfast we set off from Chesterfield - Stopped a few minutes at Northampton (6 m.) then proceeded to Ware (6 miles) to dine — This is

on the height of land between the Connecticut & Housatonic — it is a very elevated region, the actual height of which I am curious to know — it was probably ascertained by Simeon Borden State Surveyor when engaged in his Survey for the Map of the State, last Summer in this region) — Proceeded in the afternoon to Pittsfield 13½ miles where we arrived a little before sunset — The ride very pleasant the weather being milder and the Country much improved in appearance and fertility — are well accommodated at Russells, and quite unexpectedly we find here my nephews Rud. Rollinson Jr & Jos. Grinnell who are on a journey in Company having left New Bedford a few Days after us —

1st Day 18th Lebanon Springs (9 m.) We left Pittsfield about 9¼ A.M. in company with A. R & J. G — intending to

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Stop at the Shaker Settlement at New Lebanon and attend their Mg. But as we were late in setting off, I concluded to stop at the Hancock village which is about 3 miles from Pittsfield — We mistook the hours of Worship, as we saw no one to give us the desired information very distinctly — and got our horses prepared to leave before we were apprised of our mistake — We were just dismissed last and were present at the greater part of the Service — which struck us as being highly fanatical, and derogatory to Reason & Revelation — We must however give them Credit for sincerity and honesty of intention. — This as it regards the majority of them at least who are arrived at mature age (and I am not disposed to deny it of any) I think is proved by their lives to at variance with the dictates of nature and the influences which usually actuate the hypocritical and designing — They

treated us very kindly accommodated us with dinner &c which they would accept no compensation and gratified our curiosity as far as we thought it proper to indicate it on this day of the week — we were in their seed Gardens which were kept with care — but we were not struck with any very particular demonstrations regard to neatness of appearance. not quite so much as I expected to see — They have but One Public Service on the Sabbath, but they usually have Family worship which I take to be of similar character to their public exercises in the evening excepting in the longest days when many of the men are engaged till late in their agricultural business — and then I believe the omission is not constant. We left the Village about 4 Oclk. & proceeded to Lebanon Springs (6 miles) and had a very pleasant ride through the beau-

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tiful Country — in which they are
stopped at Bentley's, the House on
the Spring premises which is much
the largest and chiefly resorted to by
the Visitors — the house can accom: abt
200 — comfortably — we had tolerable rooms
though rather contracted, as they probably
generally are — here we met again
A. Robeson Jr & Jos. Grinnell Jr — which is
quite pleasant in such a throng of
strangers — about 175 having dined
here to day

2d day 8mo 19 Left Lebanon Springs
after breakfast — and a ramble on
the hill by ourselves H. Self & Ellen —
and rode 2 miles to the Lebanon Shaker
Village — there we stopped at 11 o'Clk
and made known our wishes to dine
and spend a few hours there, to wch —
after some consultation they assented &
I disengaged the horses — the ladies
having been received into one of

the Apartments of the Office — I walked a little about the premises and then joined them till we were called to dinner which was served in a neat comfortable but perfectly plain Style — after dining — Mr. Chenoweth & sister with Ellen returned to the Store to make their purchases — while I walked about the place visited one of their work Shops where I saw and had some conversation with one of the Old men who appeared to be one of the Trustees and worthy of the Office for his intelligence and long devotion to the Faith of the Society — We had a friendly and perfectly friendly discussion on their chief peculiarity — he thought that they had seen in the person of Ann Lee w.h. they call Christs Second appearing a further Revelation than others &c. it was incumbent on them to observe

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They thought moreover that the example of Christ when on earth in his outward appearance was a warrant for their self denying practice as it regards Celibacy - Seeing as they did that the latitude often given to the strong instinct of our nature which their tenets aim to extinguish, was the cause of incalculable misery and unremembered evils - they seem to think that the only design of Providence in so creating man was to give an opportunity by an inflexible resistance to impulses to prove the supremacy of the Spirit over the flesh and thus their title to eternal happiness when their probation shall be over - I aim to show that this was an erroneous

conception — and utterly irreconcilable with the wisdom and beneficence of our Creator — That every instinct with which we were endued had a wise and important end — and our probation consisted in controuling and subjecting them to the empire of reason and conscience — and to none was the remark more obviously applicable than that which they so strongly reprobated and denounced — As neither expected to work conviction to the truth of their reasoning in the other we did not long pursue the discussion — and I went out to examine their stock &c — some of which are of the most valuable varieties — having satisfied our curiosity &c we left the settlement about 3 O'Clk. for Lenox (Granville) where we arrived after a very pleasant ride. The weather

er fine, the Scenery beautiful
picturesque & the Mountainous &
rural Character as does the whole
of the County of Berkshire through
which we have passed — we
stop at Wilsons Inn — where are
several persons from abroad or bound
among them Mr. Pierce Butler of Penn.
formerly Fanny Kemble of the English
Theatres — Here lives Chr. Sedgwick
whose wife has charge of the edu-
cation of several young girls among
them are a daughter of the late Thos.
Swann & one of the late James Rus-
sell of New Bedford — took a plain walk before
5. day 20th fore & one after tea
About 10 O'Clk, after the
fog which had obscured the fine mount-
ain Scenery had passed away we
started again for old Stockbridge
6 miles — This was also a delight-
ful ride, and on getting there we

stopped at a very pleasant Inn Kept by Mr. Galpin who was extremely polite and attentive in anticipating and fulfilling our wishes in imparting information of the Topography of the adjacent Country - the elevation of sundry places &c - The Town of Pittsfield was stated to be 1000 feet above tide Water, Lenox about 1200 feet - this plain & Sheffield between 900 & 1000 - he also informed me that Peru on the Summit range between the Connecticut & the Housatonic was upwards of 2800 feet above the Sea - he gave me information of the Limestone range which extends through this Mountainous Region from Norwalk in Connecticut to Middlebery in Vermont - and on the information thus derived we changed our plan of going direct to Sheffield, to go to take South Egremont (12 miles) on the way to Lodges, to go by the mea-

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the quarries in Shiffield from which the Marble for the Girard College is principally drawn — on to Sr. Eppimone about 6 Mile the road very pleasant, and very Much from the more level State of the roads — thought passing the precipitous Mountain called the Monument composed on its eastern side of almost perpendicular limestone ledges — took a short noddles after tea through this pleasant little village which though very small has quite an air of Prosperity — resulting from the profits of the Marble business, — and Grain. Plaster & Saw mills here in operation — On our way to this place we stopped at Great Barrington (7m. fr. Stockbridge) and walked about the Village which appears very flourishing & is of considerable size situated on

the Housatonic – there is a large new Casimer Manufactory – and there is in process of Construction a large Stone Hotel, it is built of irregular limestone with broken faces – Marble Door & Window Caps & Stools – the color of the Stone is bluish but not so dark as the Quincy Granite the building has a very good appearance the Hotel at which we stopped is built in the same way as is also one of the Churches –

At the hotel I met Horace Mann the intelligent and able Sec.y of the Board of Education, who is in this County on official business – he told me he expected to be at New Bedford about the 16.th of next month.

4.th Day 21.st after breakfast, on the thinning off of the fog which limited the Sphere of vision to a small Compass we set off from our pleasant quarters at Mr. Barneys and stopped at Mr. Phelps's Upsons Marble Quarry about 3 miles distant and 2

miles from Sheffield — the Quarry is by the side of the road and is quarried with out difficulty — the Stone being drilled with ease and split off in large blocks — some of which are transported to the Hudson weighing from 10 to 15 Tons — for the Girard College — the pillars are composed of several blocks each — some of the Circular plinths for Same which I should judge were from 6 to 9 feet in diameter, all of the colossal Carriages for transporting the Stones were now absent on the route to Hudson, which would have been an object of Curiosity — Mr Upsal was also absent — but I ascertained all that was important to a general observer from the Workmen from 10 to 20 in number on the different parts of the work most of them being Irish — We then

continued our ride to the Village of Sheffield 5 miles from St. Egremont and stopped at Browns Tabern in the nearest part — not being aware of its recent linear extension — On enquiring for the Residence of the Deweys we were told that it was at the other extremity of the village, we were therefore obliged to postpone till we Should start again after dinner — our Call on our Sheffield friends. — The heat of the weather prevented our setting off till after 3 Oclk when we proceeded to Mr. Deweys — where we alighted and staid till 5 Oclk — made a pleasant call on Mr. & Mrs. D. his mother Sister Jerusha & his 3 youngest Children being at home, his Dr. Mary absent on a visit — at 5 we proceeded for Norfolk and arr there about ¼ before 8 — the weather being hot and the roads Sandy — we are now at Shepherds and find all things promising Comfort

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5th Day 22. Left Norfolk (Shipyards) where we were well accom.d at 8 Oclk and had tolerably pleasant ride to New Hartford 15 miles to dinner — passing through the Town of Winchester and the Villages of Winstead — The Country & Scenery less interesting than in the County of Berkshire — The weather being very warm (mercury at 86) we remained at New Hartford till 5 Pclk — and then proceeded to Avon 10 miles passing Canton 4 miles from N H — while the ladies were refreshing themselves I took Ellen on a walk after dinner along the bank of Farmington River passing the bridge which appears to have been in some jeopardy from the Freshet of Jan.y last or some other of an older date — we looked into a Cotton Manufactory but Ellen's chief pleasure resulted from being seated in the branches of a low spreading Chestnut

trip — We however soon returned and joined her mother and Aunt in a refreshing nap — while I improved the time in writing to our boys at Hartford — We found on passing Canton that there had been a Dedication of a New Baptist Church & every body seemed to be enjoying the occasion we reached Avon about 8 O'clk and found at Woodford's Inn very Satisfactory accommodations and a much cooler atmosphere than we left at New Hartford — the mercury on arrival being about 74°

6th day 23d Rose early and set off from Avon about 6 O'clk and had a pleasant ride to Hartford (10 m) the country as we approached the city affording decisive proofs of fertility Got out at the N. S. Hotel Mr Shud-

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last — after breakfasting we walked out for a short time but it was found too warm and after visiting a few shops — returned to our lodgings — I walked about the wharves & the business part of the city — after dinner ordered a carriage and rode through and round the town — by the College the Orphan Asylum, Retreat for the Insane — the "Charter Oak" and visited the Asylum for the Deaf & Dumb. where we saw Clerk & his pupils in their regular exercises also one other class — they wrote with great facility & correctness what was indicated by the signs of their instructor — Showed a range of ideas (that is the older class which we saw adequate to reading understandingly English authors — There we saw also Julia Brace the

the deaf dumb & blind woman — She was sleeping sitting on a bench in one of the departments, as Mr. Wells informed us she was wont to do after dining As it regards her there appears to be no intermediate link or avenue by which moral ideas can be communicated to her mind — or by which she can vindicate to others such as may be originally existing in her intellectual and moral nature — She is about 30 years old and goes about the institution with facility and safety — She is supported by the Institution aided by such donations for her especial benefit as may be deposited by Visitors in a box placed to receive them into the box I dropped a trifle — This is a worthy object in her helpless condition for the Charity of those who are so much more highly favored by Providence as are probably all of the Strangers who visit

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the asylum — We visited the Cabinet Work Shop of the inmates in which we saw a variety of Ladies Work boxes and writing Desks — machanth but one as a memento of our Visit &c

I afterward ascended with Little Ellen the Cupelo of the State house which gave me an excellent view of the city and the relative positions of the more interesting objects — about 6 O'Clk we again set forward for Windsor 6 1/2 miles and were set down at Alfords Inn — after walking in the spacious Square and enjoying the beauties of the place we retired

7th day 24th About half past 6 O'clk we set off from Windsor where we found good accommodations to go to Suffield 10 miles to breakfast as we understood Mr. Alford to say that he would recommend our not taking the River Road"

when we came the first deviation to
ward the river we kept to the left - and
soon found ourselves on a sandy barren plain
without fences or cultivation except an
occasional field of Stunted Corn - Overgrown
with pines and scrub oaks in large
tracts on one side with no houses or
inhabitants - The road Sandy and some
times ambiguous - after diverging from
the Straight beaten way, as we did
after the example of those who had pre-
ceded us, apparently to avoid the heavy
Sands of the more trodden path - into the
wood on the right which became more
& more obscure till we became quite
uncertain as to the right way and we
concluded to retrace our path through
the fog wet trees which sprinkled us
as the Carriage brushed by them till
we should regain the habitations of men
and get further information - this after
going about 1½ miles we afflicted and

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then found that the road into which we had ignorantly diverged was now very rarely used — though pursued through its whole length 4 or 5 miles intervening between the habitations on its borders, it would have carried us to Suffield and probably in much less time than by returning as we did to the road which we left — We gained however a ride thro' a pleasant country and a view of the Canal round the "Falls opposite Suffield or "Warehouse Point" which was a compensation for the extended ride though it brought us late at breakfast at Suffield (10 miles in a direct route) and late say 1 O'clk in arriving at Springfield (10 miles) — On arriving whether we were unable to get accommodations at "Sargents" recommended by Mr. Porter of Worcester and thence drove to the next inn (Bonney's) where we found every disposition to make us comfortable — After having a comfort-

able dinner while the others of the
Party were refreshing themselves
with a Siesta I walked about the
Town - along the River - and traced
Mill River from the lower works to
the upper Shops of the U.S. Armory
on the same and then returned in a
direct line to the Village & our lodgings
this walk & occupied me till 6 - on
return found Mrs Chase & Sister &
little Ellen had sallied forth also
to see the Town - and I joined them
as they were returning and walked with
them along a part of the River Bank
and returned to tea in our private par-
lor - after which I indulged myself
with the luxury of a warm bath -
and finished the ev. in writing -
1st Day 25th Attended the Episcopal
Service at the Town Hall with Mrs
Chase & Sister & Ellen - expecting to
see & hear our friend H.W. Lee who

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has for some time been officiating as pastor over the Congregation — but he was absent at Greenfield and his place was supplied by Mr. Strong of 1st place — In the afternoon I attended the Orthodox Congregational Church and heard a pretty good Sermon from the text Grow in Grace — At the close of the Mg. I met Thomas P. Rodman who came from Providence his home yesterday under an appointment to deliver one of the lectures before the National Convention of Institute of Education which has been sitting here since 5th day of last week — The County Convention of Com.r Schools is to meet to morrow — and an address in the afternoon by the Sec.y of the Board of Education Horace Mann. —

— left Springfield about 4½ O'Clk
and came to Palmer (16 miles) ro
heavy — weather fine with bright
full moon after the Sun had sunk
from our view — reached this place ar
8½ O'Clk. & found good accom
Ma chen H. has been troubled with
a cold for the last 3 days but she
does not think it so serious as
to make any change in our plans
of journeying necessary —

2d day 26 Left Palmer at 6½ after ma
Chen H & Sister had taken a cup of Coffee
taking some cake & crackers with us in
the Carriage arrived at S. Brookfield (14
a little before 10 O'Clk — and ordered an
early dinner — Spent some time in walk
ing in the Village and then wrote a lea
ter till O'Clk to favor the horses when
day am set forward for Worcester (17 miles) where
we arrived about 8 O'Clk having passed thro

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Spencer & Leicester Stopping a few minutes at the latter place which is a very pleasant and showy town on an elevated Scite with a large Academy with Boarding accommodations and Several large Card manufactories the houses are mostly painted white and have a neat appearance to the near observer as well as a striking one to the more distant — — after leaving Leicester Village we passed through two many Villages one called "Bottomly's Fac'y. Vil'g." and "Worcester Village" — The Woollen business appeared to be carried on in each — after a hot and dusty ride we were rejoiced to get back to Mr. Porter's very comfortable quarters at 8 O.Clk

3. day 2d Remained at Worcester till near 5 O Clk — I visited the Hospital with Sister Phebe after Dinner otherwise excepting a walk in the

town we spent the day about our comfortable lodgings – passed through Shrewsbury & North Borough two pleasant Villages and arrived on this plain Marlborough (Northboro) at 8 O Mc after a pleasant ride over good Roads – and found very pleasant quarters –

4th day 28th – Left Marlborough at 6½ O Mc – with a cool breeze from the N. with clouds & a little Sprinkling of Rain which however did not annoy us but on the contrary what had fallen before we set out by laying the dust made our ride more pleasant the weather so changed from the heat of the last 10 days that woollen garments were again put in requisition. we passed through Sudbury (5 m.) to Wayland (11 m.) And had a good Breakfast at Tebbendons – Stopped a minute for water at Watertown and rode there

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through clouds of dust to Boston — occasioned by the late hot weather untempered by the Shower which moistened the roads from Wayland — found lodgings at the Pavilion and very good accommodations — Spent the afternoon in attending my protegés on their visits to the Portrait of Queen Victoria and and to the Athenæum — at the latter was a fine collection of paintings well worthy of the attention of any one who has the leisure to visit it But the preposterous Costume of the Queen detracts from her real though not striking beauty — Spent the ev— with Mr. & Mrs. Chas H. at Mrs. J.P. Bradlee's —

5th day 29th — walked about the City with and wharves an hour before breakfast — accompanied Mrs. Chas H. & sister to Sundry Shops, after

which I made a visit of Examina
at the Boarding House for Seamen estab
lished by the Seamen's Friend Society a
Fort Hill — the House is in the L form
and was ~~a~~ an old ~~house~~ when bot. by the
Society — I understood Mr. Buffum the
keeper that it cost originally about
$7000 — it has not been much alter
ed apparently, the lodging rooms being
large those on one side of the Entry with
common bedsteads for Officers and the
other with two tier of berths in Cabin
Style for Seamen before the mast —
The reading room is supplied gratui
itously with the principal Newspapers
by the Journal Editors — and there is also
a library consisting apparently of seven
hundred volumes & pamphlets for the
useful entertainment during their le
sure hours — The situation has the
advantages of a high and airy situa

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and near proximity to the wharves — But I was sorry to learn that it is not well patronised — the house can accommodate about 50 — there are now about 19 only — so that setting aside the rent there is an annual deficit of the receipts compared with the Expenditures — They have family worship M & E. and a prayer mg — at which the Rev. Mr Lord pastor of the Mariners Church assists in visiting the house daily — This development of the Experiment is rather inauspicious for that which has been projected at New Bedford — After leaving S. House I called at Josiah Bradlee & Cos Cf. House. the Office of J. E. Thayer and Spent the remainder of time till the dining hour at the Merchants reading room — where I sought without success for a list of the ship-

fames by the late fire at Saint John
N.B - afternoon rode with ma cher
& to Cambridge port to call on our
friends David & Maria Meade —
where we spent an hour very agree-
ably — They appear pleasantly situated
and with favorable prospects as it re-
gards their School — after tea
at the Pavilion I called with ma
cher ~~H~~ at Geo. B. Emerson's and
made a pleasant visit to my Cousin
Mary and her husband who returned
from an ev. Call or engagement at the
latter part of our stay — They in-
vited us to go with them to Mr. Clevenger's Sculptor room where he has cast
from his own Clay Models of many
distinguished heads before leaving
the City — and we engaged to go with
them at 8 Oclk —

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The weather in the morning approximating to a N. E. rain Storm of which there have been indications for the two last days. afforded but an unpromising prospect for our homeward journey — at 8 o'clk. our friend G. B. Emerson called to see if the weather wd deter us from adhering to our pl... of visiting Mr. Clevenger's room — On receiving an answer in the negative he soon returned with my Cousin Mary when after a few minutes with sister Phebe & Ellen whom the weather prevented accompanying us — we went to the Sculptors room in the rear of the Athenæum where we saw him at work modelling in clay the Bust of the Rev. Andrews Norton — We saw there plaster

casts from his clay models of the busts of Webster, Clay, Jos. Shaw H. G. Otis - Judge Davis. Judge Shaw Isaac P. Davis (whom we saw there also in propria persona and who was very polite to us on being introduced by Mr Emerson) ~~Judge Story~~ Nich. Biddle, Mr. D. Webster & Miss Webster - a Miss Lawrence and a little child - which were said to be very faithful - He is preparing to go Italy to execute these busts in Marble together with some others which he has engaged — one of which latter is of our townsman Joseph Grennell - after taking leave of this interesting artist we went to the studio of Mr Powers the sculptor - he went at the invita-

tion of J. P. Davis we went into the Room of the Athenæum appropriated to the products of the Chisel — and here we saw the busts of some of the most distinguished men of our Country in Marble executed among them were Webster. Bowditch John Q. Adams - John Adams. - Judge Marshall Judge Story. John Lowell & some others — Plaster Casts of several antique Statues & Groups One representing Day & Night the design of which was too obscurely indicated for my comprehension — there was also a bust of Sir W. Scott and of Wm Pitt — we were also shown many pictures belonging to the Athenæum which were excluded from the exhibition Gallery for want of

room — among them was a fine portrait of the Converted Brahmin Ramonohunroy —— On returning to our lodgings we took leave of our friends G & M. E— and took measures for leaving Boston notwithstanding the continued Sprinkling & increasing wind prognosticated the near approach of a severe N.E. Storm — conceiving that we might get as far as Randolph (14 ms) if no farther before it would be unfit to travel — and in that case if the weather should be fine tomorrow we possibly might from or to-morrow eve — as our family have been taught to expect — we got off about 10 O'Clk A.M. for Dedham passing by Mr. Angier House in Milton — where we stopped an hour to see our cousin — found them all well and arrived at Randolph about 1 O'Clk to Dine and as the Storm had in

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Creed so much as to make it necessary to remain through the day night which we were able to very contentedly in our good quarters at Mrs Jacobs having a good fire from the time of our arrival - which was quite essential to comfort so cool was the temperature of the atmosphere - the afternoon was spent principally in writing up this journal.

Thursday 31st The storm was very violent during the night so high was the winds as to make the House (at Randolph where we lodged) shake very sensibly and so loud was the rushing that it was very disturbing to the repose of my wife and sister - the rain was very considerable in quantity - and partially flooded the House a window being driven in by the force of the wind

but of this we perceived little or nothing
— At sunrise the Storm continued with
but little abatement and we deemed
the prospect of getting home to day very
doubtful — but from this time the
wind veered to the Northward (indicat
that the Centre of the Storm had
passed to the Southward of us) and
abated in violence the rain also
abated and soon ceased or gave way to
a light drizzle or fog — so that we
got off about 9 and were not in
commoded by rain or dampness the
wind being at our backs and the Car
riage close except in front the cold
state of the Atmosphere also became
moderated and we Stopped at Bridge
water about 11½ A.M. and reached
Sampsons (Middleborough Pond) about

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2/4 to dine — then we remained till about 4 P.M. and then proceeded home ward and arrived about 7½ O.Clk and had the satisfaction to find all well — which is a great blessing — Sister Phebe had much improved that she appeared nearly well when we arrived in Boston — But either then or previously, it there first becoming apparent, She has taken cold and is affected with some cough and hoarseness — should this pass off without a return of the stricture and oppression at the lungs we shall have great cause of thankfulness on acct. of the favorable termination of our tour undertaken for her benefit — We learn also that our friends are generally as well as when we left home — The storm of last night was very violent

here — besides breaking many of the trees and stripping the leaves of their fruit and making great damage among the flowers — the Vane on the barn was broken down and a new fence erected since my departure — the Wharf was covered in its whole extent a-ready so on the S.E. side and the part S. of the Store thrown into the Water — I hear of no injury to the Vessels in Port — we shall probably have disastrous accot. of its ravages on the South of us.

1st. Day 4 m. 1 — Attended Meeting in Spring Street — called after the first to see my mother, whom I found pretty well, though she has not been able to ride since we set out on our journey

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I afterwards walked to my wharf to see the effects of the storm on my fence which I ordered erected when I left Rome — I found it prostrated — but something had been done on yesterday for its re-adjustment — on returning home I found my brother in law H. H. Barrow who had arrived in the Steamboat Stage. Several of our family. Circle called between meetings — but I did not see them —

2d. day 2d — Occupied about home during the forenoon in relation to the effects of the late Storm in derranging the action of our cooking apparatus — One of the Chimney tops having been broken by the winds. a piece falling down the adjacent flue, obstructed the

drawn pt — had the aid of the Indians who cut off the tops of the other two flue to the height of the two broken ones & removed the obstruction by letting a bunch of brush twigs down the flue —

Afternoon Spent with H. H. Brown at the Wheeling County house he called with him on my mother who is feeble. but has rode to day

— Evening at home — Our neighbour Rob[t] L Sibley Robeson called They having returned from their journey One week before us, they were detained 10 Days at Montpelier by the illness of little Andrew — or we should probably have met with them at Northampton, which place they were then preparing visiting

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3d day 3d mo 4th Spent the forenoon in adjusting our children's Shoings which had become worn & broken by much use — Our brother in law H.H. Barrow left us in the Stage for Taunton and Providence after an early dinner — and I spent the afternoon at the Cg. House & Evg. at home — Anna Mosley & Ellen visiting us Mary Alfred called late in the evg. — after which I made a short call to see my aunt Mary — encouraged by the interesting appearance of the Sky — indeed so by a remarkable exhibition of the Aurora Borealis. Streams from the horizon and zenith in white & reddish light sometimes principally confined to the Southern Hemisphere —

the reddish tints sometimes confines to the Western & at others to the N.E.rn Quarters — and when last observed (about 11 Oclk) assuming its more usual appearance towards the northern Horizon — at one period it assumed the interesting form of white flickering clouds dancing and vanishing near the Zenith — I found my aunt well and at the door observing the wonderful Atmospheric Phenomena

4th Day 4th Spent the day principally in attending to C.H. Home business. took tea at Mothers on my way from the C.H. to attend a Mg. of the Ex. Th. of the Port Soc.y. and afterward made a call at my Uncle William Rotch Jun.r — Sister Phebe's Cold is rather better — Our Mary was there with us at a Party at Aunt Mary's

5th Day 5th Occupied through the day at the C.H. home & in the Evg I called at our Cousin James Ar-

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nold's — saw him and Elizabeth
Cousin Sarah being still consid-
erably afflicted by her lameness
was in her Chamber — after-
wards called at Thos. R. Cobbens
to attend ma Chem H home
the harp. Spent part of the ev
ther — I called at Mothers twice
during the day on occasions of
personal concernment — She is
pretty well for her. Feeling the
infirmities of upwards of eighty years
to press somewhat heavily on her.
She is now somewhat affected by
the Catarrhal Complaint which
has returned or renewed its attack
annually in the Autumn for the
last thirty years — It has not
yet been very troublesome but
it may be as a later stage —
It has however been less protracted
and severe for the last ten years
than at an earlier period.

6th Day 6th. After Spending the Mg Hr at the Cf Hse

(1 mo. 16 - 6th Day) Left Home with our Son Francis for Haverford School to accompany our Sons Edmund & Thomas home at the end of their first Session now at hand - Took the Stage for Taunton at 12 o'clk and got out of Town after taking up Passengers about 1 - took the R.R. Cars at Taunton at 4 and arr'd in Prov. by the early (3 o'clk) train from Boston at ½ past 5 - went immediately on board the Ferry Boat which takes the passengers for Stonington and improved the time before Start'g. 6 o'clk in taking Supper which was spread very neatly on the Deck - At the arrival of the 4 o'clk train from Boston we were soon on our way across the River. and with a little delay in adjusting the baggage cars Started by Steam for Stonington and arrived about 9 o'clk. without anything unusual occurring - We

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passed through the Village of East Greenwich — and several transient views of the River or Bay — the shades of evening [illegible] any comprehensive Sphere of Vision and nothing of interest was otherwise observed — On the 9th the Passengers by the train the Providence put on board and proceeded with a good prospect as to Weather on her route and as soon as the Supper tables were cleared &c so that we could get access to our Berths — Frank and I retired

7th day 7th Rose about 5 O'Clk having had short naps through the night — the noise and motion of the Machinery frequently disturbing our Slumbers — But not so as to make an important cir-

tailment of the desired quantum of "restless Sweet restorer" the weather was mild & but the wind though moderate ahead — so that we had got on so far during the night as I had expected — We arrived therefore in ~~that~~ time to take the Phil^a Steam boats mail improbable, the latest of which left at 8 O'Clk — We did however reach the City in time to get to the 9 O'Clk Rail Road Train by making the utmost despatch to the Depot — Nothing unusual occurred on the route which was diversified occasionally Stops for water, refreshments, fruits, and a view of portions of Newark Eliz^h Town Point N. Brunswick & Trenton in New Jersey. At the latter place we were transferred to other Cars for what reason unless on acct of a difficulty

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angle at the intersection of this road with that leading to the Penn.a side of the River, or a difference in the distance of the parallel rails on the two sides of the Delaware — The towns of Bristol & Frankford and a rear view of some of the houses on the Delaware only varied the scene presented by the luxuriant farms through which we passed to the Philadelphia Depot where we united over another edition of the Confusion which I formerly witnessed on the same spot — After getting possession of our baggage we proceeded with all convenient despatch by side of an Omnibus to Broad Street to ascertain whether I could get to the School by the afternoon

car for West Chester — but found that it started at 10 Cl Mc — I was informed however that I could go to White Hall about one mile above the School by the "Pioneer Car" for Pittsburg at 6 P M — viz 2 hours from our arrival at the Westchester Hotel, where we took some crackers and Cheese and a Glass of water to answer for Supper — The weather being a little rainy we remained there expecting the Stage Mail to the Vicinity — at 6 — we joined P. Car and after some detention at the Point P. Inclined plane we got out at White Hall, and walked down to the School where we arrived about 8 Cl Mc — On arriving we were sorry to learn that Thomas had been quite unwell the night previous — and a little delirious

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from the effects of fever — so that the family were a little alarmed & sent for a Physician — who had repeated his visit and took some blood from him this morning — But he seemed now quite Comfortable in the nursery — which is a large room having a very neat appearance — after warm Greetings and a half hour Spent with the Boys — the appearance of Edmund too being rather pale and delicate I went with Frank & Ed — as guide to Stephen Smiths and soon retired to rest —

1st day 8th — After breakfast we went to the School — Edmund having been down previously and reported Thomas as being better — and at the Meeting hour repaired with the family and Scholars to Meeting it being quite rainy Umbrellas were in

requisition and Frank permitted to stay with his brother Thomas — The Mtg. House is a neat one pleasantly situated at a very convenient distance from the School — The assembly was composed in large proportion viz probably 7/8 by the School and the families of the teachers &c — the Mtg was silent except that at the close the presiding elder, and Lorin, made a few remarks, which he deemed anxious should not be considered as preaching; to relieve his mind as he considered the Mtg over —

— Returned to dinner — and about the middle of the afternoon returned to the School and attended Daniel Smiths lecture to the students — which a summary of the leading doctrines which had formed the substance of his preceding weekly discourses for the last two years. It was a brief statement of the motives which constitute the basis of the moral and religious character of man — distinguishing those original impulses which are really good — the voice of duty as a spiritual and heavenly principle from that conventional morality which results

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from a regard to reputation and character and standing in the Society in which we live — this is effected by bringing into strong action principles antagonistical to those which it is our aim to abate — and though from the parallel lines in which these complex tendencies and the simple principle of duty as a matter of Conscience run the effects upon the life and conduct may be mistaken in the judgment of Mankind — the real difference in the character as one or the other is the Spring of action is immense — as the one stamps the Character with all the dignity of Virtue while the other can only accord to its subject a shrewd temporary policy centering in the lower ordinary principles of our present nature — To keep the primary motives of Virtuous action always ready to assert their proper authority as to decide how far a conformity with the prevalent conventional Customs of Society is warrantable requires an ha-

bitual and sacred attention to its dictates and a devoted ~~attention to~~ compliance therewith — a reverence to this Master principle which shall cast into insignificance the objects and interests which oppose its influence — or effectually rebuke the minor and ~~base~~ ingenious motives which ~~interfere~~ interfere with its just prerogative — This is the principle which shone forth so brightly in the early history of the Society of Friends — and which enabled them to sustain with heroic constancy the persecution which resulted from their bold denunciation of the vices the follies and superstitions of the age & to set the example which the world had not previously seen of entire forbearance and universal toleration when the current of opinion in their favor and circumstances had placed the Civil power in the hands of a portion of the Society in a remote and uncivilized region viz in the Settlement of Pennsylvania

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where also their pacific principles were found invincible in dealing with the untutored inhabitants whom the practical doctrine of all the world had previously been that Physical force and violence was the only protection which could avail against the Savages as they were called — and which the frauds & injustice of the whites had too generally with other circumstances of their situation taught them often to be in their actions — The world had now approximated to the higher Standard of Faith and Morals which they had through hardship & Persecution Established — so that to be a consistant Quaker was now a passport to respect in every nation in Christendom — After the Lecture which was delivered in a very affectionate and sincere manner and

which I think must have been impressive on his young hearers. — I accepted an invitation from Dan. Smith to take tea with him and his family at their lodgings at John Cummens's — where we were kindly entertained by the two families —

2d day 4th — Having nothing Specially to engage my attention I attended the whole of the examination of the classes on this day — which showed a creditable proficiency in the Scholars. There were not many visitors present — 3d day 10th the morning of examination but in the eve to hear the Poetical address of one of the Senior class — many more attended — including a large number of the former graduates by a Special invitation of the Logonian Society of which Dan'l B. Smith is Pres.t which was a production of a good deal of Merit — Particularly if we consider the youth of the writer ae 17 yrs (Henry Hartshorn Son of Doct H. of Phil.a

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3: day 10th — On this forenoon the lecture room was at first occupied in the examination of the 3d Junior Class in Virgil — after which it was filled by the numerous Visitors who came from the City and elsewhere to the Diplomas given to the Senior Class — and to hear the address of D. B. Smith to said Class immediately preceding the termination of the connection which had subsisted between them during their academical Course — which was very interesting Sensible affectionate and judicious — and I think cannot fail to have a salutary effect in connection with his previous addresses and more private moral labors — probably in most instances through their whole lives — the sentiments & manner evinced a very strong solicitude for their welfare as it regards

their happiness and usefulness and
virtue in this world — as well as with
reference to that enduring state of
being to which this is merely an
introduction — After the comple
tion of the Exercises I attended to the pre-
paration of Mrs. wardrobe with a
view to taking it with us to N. Bed-
ford intend. to leave this place
in the afternoon — while thus en
gaged I rec. an invitation from Isaac
Davis the superintendant to dine with
his family, which on being insisted
I accepted Mrs. Kimber and a few other
being also their guests — After din
ing I completed the preliminary
measures for our departure — The
Boys with Lindley & Ch. Fisher
went to Wakefield, and I by the Cars to
Phil.a with our baggage — after
a considerable delay on the Rail
Road — we ar. at our destination —
after depositing the baggage I availed
myself of the R.R. Cars for Gilbertson

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to get to Rahstield also, where
I ar. about 7 O Clk - and found
the Fam. pretty well — and the
boys with their Cousins also there
— br. Wm is now as he has been
for many months at his Iron Works
at Dan Cannon — Perry County
Wm & Sarah Wister with their two
Elder Children Wm. Rotch & Jno also my
nephew Thomas were at their Mo-
ther's in the evg — With Eliz.
Fisher his Cousin Ann Wister also Ma-
ry Wister wish to go to N. Bedford. &
as the health of A. W. may not per-
mit her to go to-morrow, it is doubt-
ful whether we set off for home
before 5th day —

4th day 11th We decided to re-
main in Penn. till to morrow
to accommodate the Miss
Wisters and permit the boys to at-
tend an exhibition of Archery in
Germantown. to which Wm Wister
had kindly offered to take them

I set off to go to the City at 8 Oclk. with Eliz.ª in the Rail Road Car. but on reach.g the point where passengers from this Vicinity are taken up — the Car did not arrive and after waiting a considerable time we learned by a person walking to Germantown that an accident had disabled the Locomotive engine and that the Horse Car was then on its way from the City — we therefore thought it wd be as well to employ the time in walking as in doing nothing and therefore we walked towards our destination — — when about half way to the City the Car from G — n town overtook us and we rode the rem.r of the distance — I called, after attend.g Eliz.ª to her Aunt Smith's, at the Hotel in 3 St. where our baggage had been deposited the day before — & afterward visited R. H. Campbell at the Screw Dock and was shown the whole premises in

cluding the Oil Works — he also accompanied me through the Oil Works of Coffin & Landell — immediately adjacent to the S. Dock establishment — which is on a large and convenient plan —

On leaving there I walked along the river side and examined several Coal yards — dined at the Hotel before mentioned and then — had my Child's & my own trunks carried to the Office of the Steamboat & Rail Road Line at the foot of Chestnut Street — called at T. W. Morgan's Cf. House also at Moore & Harpers — also at Cousin H. Smith's and left my Card at Jon.a Palmers — examined also the Merchants Exchange Building in Dock Street — I took a Seat in the R.R. Car for Germantown at 6 & reached Wakefield in about half an hour — The boys with their Cousin Charles soon after returned — having been round

by W.m Wharton's plan and the Girard College in returning from the Archery exhibition — W. M.c wife & E. R. Fisher's wife took tea & spent the ev.g with us

5th Day 12th After an early breakfast we left our kind friends at Wakefield Eliz.h with us and went in bro.r Wm's Carriage to the Steamboat at Chestnut Street Wharf, where were Es. cousins Ann & Mary B Wistar — at 7 O'Clk we were off for Bordentown. thence in the Car to Amboy & thence to N.York in the S.B. Independence where we arrived at 2 1/2 O'Clk. — After some delay in taking a walk to the S.B. Jno. N. Richmond to ascertain whether our Berths had been secured I procured a Carriage for the Ladies and they set off to spend an hour or two in riding in the City Intending to Call and see Aunt Harford — But so much time had been consumed in getting out that they did not go to Beekman Street

and after getting to the S.B. with my boys — there was scarcely time for us to walk up into the City before the hour of starting 5 o'clk as the boat lie at the foot of Chambers Street. And as my brothers in Law soon met us at the wharf we did not attempt it — — The hour of departure having come we started, and it was an animating scene then presented by the simultaneous departure of numerous Steamboats on their different routes — and the great number of Vessels of all sizes and description which dotted the Noble Bay or crowded the docks making a forest of masts along the margin of the City. — The "Rhode Island" S.B. was about a mile in advance of us as we got into the E. River and the S.B. Massachusetts followed us at a less distance — The weather was fine though cool and we passed rapidly through the intermediate waters to L.I. Sound — and by the fine homes which embellish their

Banks. after getting some miles be-
yond the entrance to the Sound we
were met by the R. Island as we had pre-
viously all other S. Boats & Vessels w.h
were on our route — It was however
a well contested race with the R. I.
though the Officers of the Boat would
not admit that the J. M. R. was car-
rying but about 2/3 of the pressure of
Steam, which it was certified by the
U. S. examining Officer, the Boilers
it would safely bear — Onboard the
Delaware Steamboat were Nicholas
Biddle late Pres.t of the U. S. Bank. join-
ed out to me by Thos. Gilpin — who
was also onboard — Jno. Wood of New-
York and his travelling Comp.n Mayer &
were also with us on their return from
a Religious Visit to the Y. M. of Friends
in Ohio — the former made a short
sermon to the boy Flanders & sitters
on the Deck I was in another part
of the Boat and did not hear it.

6th day 13th — We were roused from
our berths about 5 Oclk to go on

Shore at Newport — 9 mo. 1839 Soon after landing went in the Stage to Townsend Inn and Stopped to wait for the passengers by the Rhode Island W.C. was but a few minutes behind us — and to get the Mail &c — Ann Wister was so much troubled with the Pain in her face that She and her Cousin determined to Stop in Newport for a day or two — where they took a Carriage and were driven to Mary Williams — The rest of us proceeded in the Stage at 6 o'clk for New Bedford which we reached after Stopping for breakfast at the Stone Bridge at 12 ½ o'clk and had the Satisfaction of finding all as well as when we left — a favor for which we should cherish sentiments of gratitude to that kind Providence which has preserved to us in our Wanderings and to our friends at home those Gifts which he has designed for discipline and enjoyment — May we be more & more mindful of his gracious hand in shaping

our lives and circumstances and time to improve to his approbation and our lasting benefit the blessings and trials which in his wisdom may be allotted to us — After discharging our Sons and their Baggage. I rode to my mothers with my niece. whom we found tolerably well — but Eliza was troubled with a bad Cold — I Spent a considera- ble part of the afternoon at home — and finished the day at the C. House Evg. at home

4th Day 14th Occupied most of the fore- noon about home — had our well pump- ed and cleaned out — the Water being rendered bad by some impurities — — The accumulated sand of 11 years was removed also a dead toad which was the offending cause. Elisha in- duced the operation — there was ab. 8 ft. Water (by my means admeas.) at first — and required Vigorous action of 3 Men for about 1½ hours to sink it to the bottom of the log — After- noon at the C. House. called

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at mothers on my return — wf.
at home
1st day 15th Attended meeting
AM & PM at the Marines Ch. &
and heard as is usual their ex-
cellent discourses from Mr. Mudge
— after the close of the 2d rep I
went to friends mg — where I
heard a very inferior discourse
from a Stranger — Called at Mother
A. Robesons and br. Wms wf.
at home — Matthew Howland
& B. S. Rotch Called
2d. day 16th I spent the day in at-
tending the mgs. of the Convention
of Education — in the forenoon
were discussions on resolutions
relating to Common School libra-
ries and in the afternoon a very
fine address from Horace Mann the
Secretary of the Mass. Board
of Education — he spoke with truth
& eloquence — Dr. Robbins of
Nattapoisett took tea with us
also our cousin Lydia Barney

and Horace Mann spent a part of the Ev. with us — D.R returning after tea —

3d day 17 — Attended to business at the C.H. house & through the day about Sunset accompanied our daughter Mary on a ride & home back and afterwards took tea at C.N. Morgan's with the Wistars who arrived from Newport yesterday afternoon — Edmund & Mary were at James Arnolds in the ev.

4th day 18th Attended at the C.H. &c. to my usual duties — most of the day — about Sunset left the C.H. House to ride with Mary but the foggy state of the weather prevented — went with Mrs Chew R. & the two elder Children to tea at N.R. Rodman's

5th day 19th Spent most of the forenoon in calling on sundry individuals to ask them to visit us this ev. — and in some measures for a Sup-

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ply of Coal for our kitchen &c called at Mothers in relation to the proposition of Crossing her lot with the Rail Road Com. rode to examine the same before breakfast — 'com. of the day till 5 principally at the Ct house — at that hour came home to ride with Mary on horseback Ed. & Ellen P. & N. Mitchell accompanying us — We at home with Company N & A. Wister and several members of our fam & some others —

6th day 20th Spent the day principally at the Ct House and in the evg. I went with me Chas H & Edy to tea at And. Robesons — where were a small party to meet A & M. Wister — Our daughter Mary has been in the nursery to day — confined with a cold — Symptoms Sore throat & fever

7th. Day 21st. Engaged some time in the forenoon in cleang. one 1st. double Mantel lamps — the effect of Night use & ten or 12 years action of the Oil & having caused the wick to rise with difficulty — used a Strong Solution of Pot-ash & having Stood in the branches 24 hours after having first rinced the lamps with hot Oil — The imperfect action of lamps used only at long intervals has induced me to try the mode of cleang. the lamps empty ~~after~~ when not in use — — devoted the remainder of the day at the Cg house — took a cold bath from the wharf visg. before Cong. home to Supper — Evg. at home — except going to Dr. Reads for Medicine for little Sue who has been unwell with nausea to day — and little her Sister Mary confined above Stairs, after the visg. — Dr. Read being out — he called here and prescribed — Mary is improving — Albert C Barney died last night.

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of a gradual decline having been pretty much confined to the house since last writing —

1st Day 22d Attended Meetings AM & PM at Friends House of Worship and called towards eve. at Mother attending my niece Eliz from a call on us — C.M. Morgan and 3 of their Children — Matthew Roberson Lydia & Thos A Green & Wm C. Whitridge Jr were also with us in the course of the day & eve —

2d day 23d Occupied principally at the House. Attended the Mg. of Bank Directors — Called in the eve. at Mrs Abraham Russell's with my Sons our sympathy on the occasion of their affliction on acct of the death of A.C Bonney — His mother — cannot feel the bereavement more deeply as she is now a childless widow — to whom Albert had been a very dutiful and attentive son —

3d. day 24th — Went to Market and to the Store & sundry other places before breakfast with Thos & Frank & then fed Walter in the wagon at the Cg. House &c — Forenoon devoted to Cg House duties except taking a drive in the Carriage with Mrs Chas H & Sister Pe and Thos. Sue & Ellen the two former to make Calls at Brig & Br: Wms & Co — and the latter to Fairhaven & the "Fort" — Pd. mostly occupied in attending the Funeral Solemnities and interment of A. C. Barney — Spent a short time afterward at the Cg House — Eve at home have the Compy. of Susan Davis Lydia Smith Thos & Sybil Robson and Elizr Fisher & Sister Elize R. S. Smith & Mr Verbisey number in the whole — the funeral of A. C. B. was very large — with a great number of Carriages — among them was my mothers & herself was in it though she did not go to the house

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4th. day 25th. Engaged through the day in C.J. house duties principally in the C.J. attended a meeting of the Onondaga Salt Co. at the Office of my Uncle Wm. Kelsey. Jr.

5th day 26th. Spent the day in attending to my business at the C.J. House & C.J. at home

6th day 27th. Attended to C.J. H.E. duties All — Pitt went to a Mg of the Land Comp'y. under the Agency of J.R. Williams — which resulted in the disclosure of a debt of $10000 which it is necessary to pay by an assessment to which those present assented provided all will agree to it — the whole investment may cost $5.000 — It was agreed that the lands shd. be put in the name of Trustees — J.R.W. to hold a Power of Atty — to act in Sales — the proceeds to be remitted as rec'd. by him Oliver Prescott & Tho's. A Green to be the Trustees to receive the titles

I afterward went to the Cg House & Rain'd till 8. O'Clk

7th. Day 28th Spent the day at the Cg House except an hour and a half ere Sunset when I was riding with Mary & Edmund on horseback & by Stipulation I Spent the ev. at the Cg House to make up the time thus lost to the engagements which I have there in hand. — Ma then to called at Mr. Beans — their youngest child has been and still is very ill with dysentary — She also called at Mothers to see her & E. Fisher — the latter has recd. from Wakefield a little more encouraging about her nephew Tho's Son who has been very ill with a similar complaint —

1st. Day 29th Attended meetings A.M. & P.M. at Friends Mg House — called between Mg's with little Sue & Ellen at Aunt Mary's — Eliz. Fisher called and dined with us unceremoniously and remained through the afternoon

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– towards ev.g – She returned to mother's and Mrs Chas H & self accompanied her for a call – found mother rather less well than yesterday being troubled with pain in her side in a rather greater degree – In the ev.g we had calls from B.S. Rotch Judge Prescott & Jo.s R. Williams –

2.d day 30.th Occupied much of the day in relation to our boys clothes to fit them for Hanford – The mor.g fraction of my time was divided between attend.g & assisting at mor.g the obstruction in our nursery Chimney and Cg house duties took tea with Mrs Chas H and all of the Children at Aunt Mary's without other company Called a few minutes at Capt.n Elisha Dunbar's he is very unwell with probably bowel disease of the most [illegible] which justly give his friends great uneasiness about him

3d day 1st Spent the day at the Cg. House except riding towards evg. with Mary — after tea attended a mtg. at the Lyceum appointed by Greely Harris ford — an illiterate but well disposed friend from Maine whose comn. was not very intelligible to my mind — at the close of the mtg. which was very small I joined the evg. at the Cg. House —

4th Day 2d. Spent the day in attention to business — considerably in reference to a shipment of Oil for New Orleans, which is deemed rather out of time — did not succeed in getting insurance — Cg. House duties occupied me the rem. of the day & evg — ~~called at the Lyc~~ The children took tea

5th Day 3 Occupied at the Cg. House the through the day & part of the evg. Rom. of the evg. sat Mothers — when was a collection of the several branches of the family to meet Eliz.a Fisher

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Who expects to set off tomorrow
for home with C. N. Morgan &
family & Benj.n & his daughter
6th day 4th called on Hezekiah &
Mary Barnard inviting them to dine
the former accepted — and I sent our
Carriage to accommodate the latter &
her sister Eliza Burney in making calls &
spent the day at the Cg. House ex-
cept the time in dining &c — went
home — with the Comp.y of Mr. &
Mrs. Snow — Heard of the arrival
of the Troy at N Orleans about
which I have been anxious
7th day 5th Occupied through the day
at the Cg House, attended in the evg.
an adj.d Mtg. of the Ex.ve Board of the
N. Bedford Port Society for the Mor. Impr.t
of Seamen before returning home to
tea —
1st day 6th Attended Meetings AM
& PM at Friends Place of Worship, called
between meetings to enquire after
my old friend and associate in business

Elisha Dunbar and tender my services — I saw him but he seemed very feeble though he thought himself a little better than one week ago — his Physicians have but little hope of his recovery his heart liver & kidneys being much diseased — he sits up a very little — I called also with Thos. at my bro. Williams and after the 2d mg. I went with him little Sue & Ellen to our neighbor Jas Arnolds. I attended an Antislavery Lecture at the Universalist Mg House in the evg & afterward called at mothers where I found Granby — At bro Williams I was introduced to my niece Anna's little girl now about 8 weeks old She is a pretty infant

2d day 7th Rode in the morng to a house of w.m. I have the care for Mrs Jas Gifford — and devoted the rem. of the day to business at the Co house &c. in the evg. I attended Mr. Buckinghams 1st Lecture on

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Palestine — It was rather thinly attended considering that each holder of a ticket had the right of introducing one other individual — our niece Ellen took tea and went with us. We found Alfred here on our return to attend her home — an office which Chr Rendall filled on the walk from the Lecture Room calling here for a short time

3d. day 8th. rode to my ~~West~~ South lots and gave some time to consideration relating to our children preparation for their early departure for Haverford, before resuming my duties at the Cy House, where I was occupied for the remainder of the day. In the ev. I attended the Meeting of the N.B. Port Society for the Moral Improvt. of Seamen for the Choice of Officers &c which from the time taken to make a Quorum consumed the ev-

Father Prior is somewhat relieved from the symptoms which have been so disturbing for some days & nights — We learn to day through the papers of the Conflagration of the principal part of the Square in N. York bounded by Fulton & Water & Burling Sts involving a great destruction of property — it occurred on 4th day ev. last and other fires of considerable magnitude in other parts of the City and in Brooklyn and Jersey City happened on the same night 4th day 9th Spent the day at the Ch. house &c giving attention to my business concerns — In the ev. after calling with ma Chapin at Wm Willcox's, whose wife is extremely ill & not likely to recover, and taking some measures to provide the requisite attendance for the night, we went to Mr Buckingham's L. Lecture on Palestine, which was descriptive of Tyre & Sidon and several others of the antient Cities. It comprised much that was interesting. Among

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not without some faults such as being too elaborate or point of minor interest from familiarity which detract a little from the effect of the beauty of language and the elegant passages which are often occurring — On our way home we called again on E. W. and at some other places with reference to the sufferers in the late Storm of Asher Hopkins Melady —

5th. Day 10th. Engaged through the day at the C.J. House — in arranging papers and preparing to leave my business and Correspondence in proper order during my proposed absence in accompanying our boys on their return to Hartford School Penna. — took tea at Mothers partly for her company & partly to save the time & walk home, as it was necessary that I sh.d spend the day at the C.J. house. — Poor Edwin Willis died this Morg. about 8 O'Clk. — The

was a very worthy though afflicted woman, and the painful event is rendered more so by the conviction or impression that adequate attendance during her confinement and the occurrences incidental to the death & interment of her infant of a few days old would have averted the melancholy event

6th Day 11th Steamboat Providence on Long Island Sound Spent the morning and forenoon at the C.J. House & completing my arrangements for Cary's home — at Noon — returned home talking on Mott's and the B.C. Bank in my way, to meet the Stage at my house at ½ past 12 — but before I reached the house I met Jacob on horseback in pursuit of me the Stage being at the door — I took his seat in the Saddle and was then with Speed — an impression that the time of Start'g continued to be from 12½ to 1 O'Clk. — when I last passed

on this route — but it appears that the time is anticipated half an hour — with as little delay as possible I was in the stage with the boys — and after taking in our full complement of passengers (outside & in) we left town about one Oclk. among the passengers were 2 Kentuckians & a young Bostonian jolly fellows who were quite amusing with their jokes & fun — at Taunton I learned that all of the Phila. Banks had stopped payment in specie — in consequence of the U. S. Bank adopting that course — after joining the Boston train for Providence at Mansfield & breaking the latter place we took tea onboard the ferry boat and about 6 Oclk started on the cars on the other side of the river — about 9 we went onboard the "Providence" & sat steaming down for Newyork. — And here I had the pleasure of meeting the

Rev. N. T. Bent formerly of our place but now settled in Philadelphia.

—— 7th Day 12th "White Hall Hotel, Hartford (1 mile beyond the School) We arrived at Newyork about 8 Oclk this Morg — when we proceeded immediately to the foot of Liberty Street and deposited our baggage in the Car for Phila — and then repaired to the "Northern Hotel" at the corner of Courtland Street and took breakfast — at 9 Oclk we left the Whf and were soon after seated in the Cars on the other side of the river a little boy from Salem "George Chase" being put under my care by William Bassett of Lynn, he being also a Scholar for Hartford —— Without any unusual occurrence the ride being diversified by the occasional stops at the principal places on the route for passengers to be received and dismissed we were also available for refreshments applied for by those who remained for the more distant points — we arrived at Phila

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about 3 p O'Clk. P.M. After taking some refreshments at the Hotel adjoining the depot — we went out to get hats and umbrellas, for the boys delivering letters &c preparatory to proceeding in the 6 O'Clk train for Harrisburg for the plane. After fulfilling our intentions we returned at 5 to take a seat in the Omnibus to proceed to the Harrisburg Car — and at 6 we were in motion out of the City — going however at a slow rate with horses at first and afterward with the locomotive & Stationary engine we reached the top of the Inclined Plane, after which we went faster and got out at the "Whitehall Hotel" 1 mile beyond the School about 8 O'Clk and here we got supper and remain for the night —

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ble and Commodious house we came
to the School & P to this
to the Place in time to proceed with
the families to meeting — Our baggage
having preceded us in a Cart from
the School — after dining I went
to the School and again in the Eve.
to assist the boys in arranging their
clothes &c in the drawers &c — and
returned after accomplishing the
object — John Gummere & Jas
Cowperthwaite have the Superintendance in
stead of Isaac Davis family who went
here for the 3 last Sessions —
2d day 14th "West Chester Hotel" Phila.
After settling my accounts with the
Superintendant and Matron &c. my respects
to the family of the Supt. I wrote a letter
to Home and called at Daniel Smiths
stopping at the Post Office to make
some enquiry relative to the trans-
mission of letters to this Place —
which have been too long heretofore
in reaching us — and suggested a
change in the mode by way of

experiment — after Dining I took my final leave, for the present Visit, of the Farm House and repaired to the School and passed the remg hours till the arrival of the Car from West Chester in which I was to proceed to the City which came by about 4½ Oclk — when I took leave of the boys and arr.d at this place after some detention from the derangement of the apparatus for descending the plain which stopped a great number of Burthen Cars we coming down by the retarding action of the "Brake" about 6½ Oclk — As I had not determined on my plans for to-morrow nor wishing first to see some of my friends — I took Supper here and left my baggage walked out to execute one or two errands from the School, — and called at Chs Folwells — and Thos W. Morgans' — It appears that

the City is very quiet under the suspension of Specie payments by the Banks which have by liberal discounts since given much (temporary relief) to the Merchants — Al Morgan has returned to New Bedford in consequence of the suspension, and his family are now at Wakefield Waitg. his return the last of this week. — I Thurber determined to go home tomorrow Morng — lodging here to night —

3. day 15th Steam Boat "Massachusetts" L.I. Sound Left. Phila. in the N.J.R.R. cars at 8 this Morg — hung. first made some attempts to buy a few articles for my sons — which I was unable to do from the refusal or inability to give the change for a five Dollar note (Penn. Banks) in the present deranged State of the Currency in that City consequent on the suspension of the Banks — Indeed I was almost compelled to leave unpaid

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a debt — for my lodging &c — and it was not till after I had paid my fare for the R.R. to N. York that I could get a note of small denomination wherewith to discharge it when I returned to Broad Street for the purpose — We arrived at N. York about 3 O'clk. without any unusual occurrence — I put my Valise onboard this Steamboat and called at Barrow & Prior's Cy Room passing the recently burnt district in their neighborhood — called also to see my aunt Hazard, on my return through Beekman street — at 5 O'clk. we left the Wharf and I found Eliza Bonker and her daughter Anna & John Henry onboard also Thos. Hazard of Newport who with his brother was in the "Providence" with me from Stonington as I went On — M. H. Grinnell also introduced me to some young ladies

who were going to New Bedford to visit his relations - of whom he requested me to have a care on the transit from Newport to that place — The number of passengers were quite large the tea table extending the whole length of the Cabin & well filled 4th Day 16th New Bedford — After a smooth and pleasant passage we landed at Newport — stopped at Townsend's for breakfast and arrive about 1½ O'Clock — and had the great satisfaction to find all in as good health as when I left home — father Prior continues somewhat indisposed — Spent the afternoon mostly at home — Called to see mother and in the ev. went to Mr Buckingham's 4th lecture post poned from 2d day ev. by the rainy weather which has prevailed here, though when I have been but little rain has fallen — the lecture was on Jerusalem and well attended — Mr Buckingham

called here this afternoon —

5th. Day 17th. Attended the Mtg. of Bank Directors. which occupied me till nearly noon — I then ~~returned to the C. House~~ to accompany my wife in a Call on Mr & Mrs Buckingham at Capt. Athins Adams's at Fairhaven — After re-crossing the Bridge we rode up Purchase & round County Street to pass Thos Roberts house which ma chose it had not been lately — The frame work of the Portico is now up —

We did not see Mrs Buckingham as she was in N. Bedford ~~making pur~~ shopping — I spent the afternoon at the C. House and eve. at Mr Bi lecture on the Country & Cities east of Jordan which was to me very interesting including however one anecdote which was dwelt upon beyond the limits of good taste and dignity

6th Day 18th. Called at mothers and spent the day with that exception principally at the Cs house — Evg. at Mr. B's 6th & last lecture of the Course — which was rather less interesting (to me) than the preceding — He announced that having learned that he could not leave Boston for the State of Maine on 2d day next he had concluded to remain here another day & would give one more lecture on the Country of Mesopotamia the Garden of Eden the Cities of Babylon & Nineveh & the Tower of Babel &c tomorrow evg —

7th Day 19th Spent the day principally at the Cs House. The weather rainy evg. at home — or the rain prevented or postponed the lecture — We had intended to ask Mr. B & family to visit us a Day but the rain discouraged us

1st Day 20th Attended meeting, called at mother's & A. Roberons, otherwise at home — My wifes brother E H Pain arrived to day from New York to visit

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his father — D. Reed Spent most of the day with us, how J. called to see Father Prior but he is now able to dispense with his Professional visits

2d day 21 Spent the forenoon at the Bank and at the C. House. Dr at the C. House a short time, called at mothers Sister Annas & Mr Brown's to give invitations to meet Mr & Mrs Buckingham & at tea before the lecture — We sent our carriage over the River for the Buckinghams at 4 o'clk & they arr? between 5 & 6. Sister Eliza Thos & Lydia Greene Thos & Isabel Robeson Martha & Fred Cash & Mrs Adams Lydia Barney & Miss Osgood were also here — The visit tho short was a pleasant one and But the lecture was rather thinly attended — so that it will not I think have made up the deficit in the receipts of the Course which it was hoped it would do to save F.L. Alden from loss —

3d. day 22d. Spent the day in attending to my business at the C.J. House &c. till pretty late in the afternoon when I walked round the Town with Rodman Wharton son of my Cousin Deborah Wharton who arrived here to day on a Visit from their home in Philadelphia — he stopped for a few minutes at our house after which I accompanied him to his lodgings at my Uncle Williams — In the ev.g I attended the introductory Lecture of the Lyceum Course by the Rev.d E. Peabody which was an interesting and able performance — The house was crowded — mm.r of the ev.g at home — our neighbor Lydia Grant with us, after the Lecture —

4th. day 23d. Occupied a considerable part of the forenoon at a special meeting at the Bank — mm.r of the day at my business concerns — till towards evening I attempted a call at Uncle Wm.s to see our cousin Deb.h Wharton but

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before we reached her lodgings, we learned that she had gone to make a visit to my sister at Fall River — towards Sunset I went to attend our daughter Mary on a ride on horseback — wf. called to see Cousin Deborah after part of an hour spent at the G. House —

5th. day 24th. Devoted some time to the Mtg. of Bank Directors, which at this juncture is a very undesirable office then attended to some business at the G. house, and afterward fell in with Rodman Wharton of Phila. with whom I visited an Oil works, a whale ship and walked with him till dinner time — P.M. at the G. House wf. at home with Compy. except a short attendance at the Bank at a special Mtg. of the Directors — Our company at tea was my mother & sister Eliza Uncle Wm & Aunt Lydia and Cousin Deborah and her ~~daughter~~ Son Rodman, Thos & Lydia Greene called with Eng

6th. Day 25th. Spent the day in attending to my business at the Cg. House & being detained at the Cg. House till the closing of the Mail (8 O.Clk) after which I came home and finding that Mrs Chew & had gone to A. Roberson's where we were invited to meet Cousin Deborah Wharton — my necessary detention made my wife's visit less pleasant than it would have been from the tone of remarks which some like to indulge in at my expense — and ended with a remarkable colloquy between Mr Rodman & myself of a Splenetic character on the part of the former after all but himself & wife & T. R. Roberson and ourselves had retired

7th. Day 26th. Occupied at the Cg House most of the day. in the forenoon principally with reference to our boys at Haverford & in preparing for transmission sundry articles by my Cousin Deborah Wharton who left town in the Stage for Provce via Taunton & Mansfield — there by

the Stonington route to New York, her son Rodman expecting to meet her at Taunton whither he will proceed to day from Newport having gone there via Fall River yesterday. I was at the Mg. House till about 8 O.Clk, Thence to the M.J. at home

1st day 27 Attended meetings, and after the 1st called with Sue & Ellen at Mothers — after the 2d called at Elisha Dunbar's and aunt Mary's & after tea called at Mothers again with bro Edmund, and without him at A. Robersons and James Arnolds — Mother was at meeting to day, the first time since the 1st month of the present year when she was taken sick — Capt. Dunbar is no better. — J. Arnold his wife & daughter Expect to set off to morrow on a short journey for the health of Cousin Sarah — I expect to go with bro Edmund to Newport on that day, he to take passage in

the Steam boat for Newyork, I to endeavor to collect a little money ~~retuning~~ the next morng via Fall River whither I expect to go for the same object. The present State of the Currency at the South prevents my getting any aid from our Banks to which I am indebted

2d day 28th Spent the morng at the C.H. house preparatory to taking my bro Edmund to Newport on his way home &c — I having to make up a sum of money for the Payment of a note falling due to morrow and seeing little prospect of obtaing any here concluded to try the debtors to the Estate at Newport & Fall River — I went with my horses & C.W. Morgans 4 wheel Chaise — we set off at 9 p.m. — ar. at Newport at 2 p.m. — I made sundry Calls at Wm T. Potters to examine our house — and on others with reference to money — with very little success — walked to the Point and about the house formerly owned by my Grandmother Rodman it is now owned by

Stephen Southwick and is in good repair — about 5½ Oclk and on the arrival of the Stage from this place I left Edmund to go onboard the Steamboat for New York on her arr. & Prov. — and rode to Fall River — suffering some detention from the State of the Bridge — a new Draw being in process of Construction — Arr? at F. R about 9½ Oclk — put up my horses at the Livery Stable and went to my sister Ruggles to lodge

3d day 29th after breakfast I took leave of my sister and went with Micah to the Office of the Pocasset Co — and to the wharf and to the Site of the new furnace now constructing by the Iron Works Comp? — which will comprise the latest English improvements the Chimney is detached from the main building — is 25 ft diameter at the base and 150 feet high the smoke passing to it through subterranean flues. the heat to be economised that the whole ma-

chinery for rolling & Cutting &c is to carried by ~~the~~ Steam generated by the heat which or the old plan is lost — left F. Rio- er at 9½ Oclk and reached home abt. 12 — paid my note and Spent the afternoon at the Cg House &c — went in the ev. to hear the Lecture at the Ly- ceum — by the Rev. Mr. Thompson of Salem on Sir Walter Raleigh —

4th day 30 Spent the day principally at the Cg. House &c rode with Mary an hour before tea Walter Mitchell also in company ev. at home.

5th day 31st Mo. the exception of the time occupied at the Bank Meet- ing the Mg and day has been chiefly devoted to business at the Cg. House ev. at home. looking over the Newspapers with wch I am in arrear

6th day 11 mo. 1 — Spent the day at the Cg. House and in readg. at home ev. at the latter place Bringing up the Papers in arrear. — the Children readg. around us till their

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hour for retiring, little Ellen taking pleasure in imparting it by reading aloud from Wm. Barclays early lessons

7th day 2d. Engaged through the day at the Mg. House or in reading at home Mg. at home. Called at Mothers on my way from the Mg. House to tea

1st day 3d. Attended meeting AM at Friends House of Worship and in the afternoon at the Mariners Church where as usual the Ex cellent Mr. Mudge gave a very good practical discourse — in the Mg. attended with Mrs. Cher & L Mary the Anniversary of the Port Society held in the William Street Baptist Church. and hear an excellent and appropriate ad dress from the Rev. Mr. Snow, & prayers by the Rev. Mr. Jackson of Church & Mr. Mudge — The house open full, and I hope it will give

an impulse to the interesting cause in this Place — where it has hitherto taken too little effective & active attention by the great majority of our Citizens and Ship owners

2d. day 4th. Attended the Mg. of Bank Directors at the usual hour of 9 A.M. have been to the Cg. House & at the Mtg. of a Sermon with my Children & Sister. by Blunt before breakfast, after Mtg. the Bank, repaired to the Cg. House wrote a letter and took to the out skirts of the Town to meet the Stage, and then proceeded to my S.e lot where workmen are digging a deep drain, returng. home about 12, found our neighbor A. Arnold making a Call, the rest of the family being yet on a journey — Spent the latter part of the afternoon at the Cg. House, and in the Mtg. went with my Children & Mary to Dr. Webster's lecture & exhibition of Carbonic Acid Gas in the Solid form, the experiment was entirely successful and highly interesting

the product was exactly like pure snow in its appearance the cold produced by the expansion of the gas as it escaped from the generator an immensly strong wrought Iron vessel in form much like a mortar gun — and the degree of cold required to solidify it 148° of Fah.t below Cypher — when mixed with ether and thrown upon it, it instantly became solid and was dropped like silver a lead upon the table and passed round the room for the observance of the audience, I brot. a portion of the snow enveloped in cotton Wool home with me and shewed it to father Prior & sister Phebe — I then called with Mr. Chew & at Aunt Mary's but by the time we got there it was all escaped. Saw there Lydia Barney & Benj.a & Susan — he also tried to throw the product but his head also all evaporated. The audience was

very small but highly gratified
3d day 5th. Went to the Cy house before
breakfast but returned in time to be
present at the reading of a part of one
of Blunts Sermons — at the Cy. House
All day & Eve, excepting some time
in read. the papers at home — in
the ev. attended the Lyceum lecture
which was a repetition of that
last wg. by D. Webster on the
Solidification of Carbonic Acid
which was as before highly gratifying and to a much more numerous audience
4th day 6th. Spent the forenoon at home
at the Cy. House & in making a call at
Lydia Russells to see her sister Eliza &
her husband Butler Weeks of Vassalborough
Maine — who have been here several
days on a journey & visit for the health
of the latter which has been impaired
for nearly a year. Eliza looks much older
than when I saw her a few years ago
— Butler I never saw before. thought

considerably older he does not look either so old or frail as She. they were to set off for home this afternoon. I Spent the afternoon at the Cg. House Cof. in reading & writing at home.

5th Day 7th. Spent the day after the meet'g. of Bank Directors, at my business at the Cg House &c — Cof. at home — The Ship Bristol arrived this morning from the Pacific Ocean Peruvian Master with a Cargo of Spermaceti Oil probably between 24 & 25 hundred barrels out about 40 months — This arrival will I hope bring a little relief some time hence to the money pressure which bears now so heavily but owners in common with the Comty. generally I have an interest in her.

6th Day 8th. Spent the day in the discharge of Cg. House duties, or in read'g. the news Papers at home Called to see Sister Sarah on my

away to the Cg. House — who with her husband & 3 elder Children arrived yesterday from Phila where they have spent the last month with the exception Charles who returned for a week or two. of the money pressure — In the ev. we had the Company of Anna Mary & Mary Gifford Benj.a Swan all except Benj.a at tea — Joseph Rotch had an Apoplectic fit about 12 p. o'clk to day, since which time he has been in a quite unconscious State, and no hopes are entertained of his recovery — I called there just before tea and again with Ma Chace H. after our Company had retired —

7th Day 7th Attended at the Cg. House & through the day or so far as that Compatible with other incidental duties at home & ev. at home. I go to sit up with my Cousin Jos.h to night — he still remains unconscious, and may expire before Morning —

1st day 10th Sat up last night with my Cousin Jos. Rotch he was quite insensible throughout the night without making any voluntary movement of the muscles — he breathed sometimes laboriously, but generally gained temporary relief by deglutition (which tho perhaps be an exception from the foregoing remark). I left about Sunrise, and instead of going to meeting took a nap in my Chair — attended Friends Mtg. P.M. and in the ev. called at Cousin Jos.s with Ma Chen Hs — he died about 12 Oclk' — I afterward called at Mothers — She was at Mtg. again to day

2d. day 11th Attended the Mtg. of Bk. Directors, which as usual in these times of Comd. distress was a long sitting — repaired to the Town Hall and deposited my Vote for State Officers — spent a short time at the C.J. He called at Cousin Anna Rotchs. and walked with Benj.a to cast his Vote

— Afternoon considerably broken up by the interest felt in the passing election which appears less flattering than could be wished for the Whig Cause. Evening Spent at home

3d day 12 — Spent the day principally at the Cg. House (including a call at the Ct. Hse.) & Ct. Called in the forenoon at Cousin Anna Rotch's — the interment will not take place till to-morrow — Eve. at home

4th day 13 — Called at Cousin Anna Rotch's & to enquire if any assistance or services were desirable from me or my wife preparatory to the funeral services — Called afterwards at the Ct. House where the trial of Spooner Babcock for the wound inflicted in Feby. last on Lewis Russell, a boy, of which he died, was going on. Staid to hear the evidence till near the adjournment of the Ct. & the closing hour. P.M. attended the funeral of my Cousin Joseph — which was conducted in a very satisfactory manner — A prayer by

Mr. Morison was the only Vocal Service ___ Mr. Angier called before the funeral to leave his little son and afterward to take him back ___ Thus has the earth been closed over the mortal remains of my Cousin Joseph ___ endued by nature with a sound understanding amiable disposition and handsome person he was fitted so far to contribute his full share to the welfare and ornament of the community & society ___ but an unfortunate bias to love indulgences which circumstances in early life confirmed into habits in great degree frustrated the end for which he seemed thus to be originally fitted, and in great degree curtailed his usefulness in society and his social and individual happiness ___ His mind for the last year or two has been yielding to a premature decay ___ But his moral feelings have been within the last year

awakend to an acute sense of former delinquency, — which now affords much consolation in the true & sincere penitence which he manifests, to his sorrowing friends — particularly to his pious & very exemplary wife, whose kind deportment and Christian Spirit has unquestionably been chiefly instrumental in promoting the change which is now her only consolation. — I attended in the A.M. the introductory lecture of Professor De Wolf on Chymistry. was afterwards at home — the last of the A.M. — after the Social Scripture reading, I was engaged till pretty late in preparing some small packages to go to our Sons at Hartford &c. a Vessel to Philadelphia on 5th day 14th — Occupied before breakfast — in taking the things to Hartford to the Vessel and then rode to my South lot where I have had a number of workmen employed — A.M. — at the Bank, & Home &

P.M. — Went to the C. House to hear Chief Justice Shaw's Charge to the Jury in the Case of S. Babcock and then was engaged till dark at the Cy. House, Called at Mothers on my return to tea — Eve'g at home reading &c. — We took tea in the Lib'y — the Eating room being in process of "Cleaning"

6th Day 15th Spent the forenoon at home looking up and arranging my Pamphlets which owing to the pressure of my business for the last few years have not been regularly read — My particular object now was to find & look over the "Com. Sch. Journal" with a view of sending the Series to My friend Dan'l B. Smith of Hartford School — or ordering the same from the Agent of the Publishers — P.M. Partly Spent in business at the Cy. House — Rode at Sunset to give some instructions to my workmen at the lot, and to

endeavor to ~~make~~ see sundry individuals on business — Evg. at Prof. DeWolfs 2d lecture on Iron principally which was very interesting

7th Day 16th Occupied through the day at the Cg. House wharf &c when I had men at work building a short piece of wall on the Street &c — Called at Mothers on the way home at evg — and remained at home after tea our little girls Susan & Ellen were at Eliza Grinnells this afternoon & returned a little after dusk delighted with their visit —

1st Day 17 Attended Mg. & all at Fds Mg House & P.M. at the Episcopal Called in the evg with me there H. & Mary at Cousin Anna Robb's — Ch. W. Morgan called to see father Rice as did Benj — in the afternoon — his daughter Isabel accompanying the former and Miss Susan the latter — Our children had their usual attention in Scripture Lessons & readg

2d day 18th — Attended the Mtg of Bank Directors, and passed the rem: of the day at the C.J. House & wharf, workmen being employed finishing the Street wall on the North of Hillman Street, as far as the bank had been excavated heretofore and temporarily secured by logs &c — W.J. at home — bro: A. Roberson called and Wm & Anna R. Roberson spent the latter part of it with us — Mr Church had H. Hart here to day fitting up pattern room &c — in some particulars — Our Frank detained from School by his cold again to day by the return of symptoms of sore throat

3d day 19th Occupied at the C.J. House part of the day with appropriate duties — rem: in mtg. there & at home W.J. at home had the company of Susan Howland who was making a visit to our daughter Mary at tea &c —

4th. Day 20th — Rode to my S. West lot after breakfast where workmen are employed sinking the Stones &c — passed the succeeding business hours principally at the Cg. House. less engaged with the appropriate duties of the Place than in ready — the News — Cof. at Prof.r De Wolfs lectured on Heat &c afterwards at home ready. &c —

5th Day 21st. Rode to my S. W. lots in.g after breakfast then attended the Meet.g of Bank Directors, afterwards repaired to the Cg House — after Dinner walked to my lots where I expected to find Jos. Crapo Surveyor to ascertain the S. W. Corner, but he was not neither had he been there — returning called at the house a took Frank to order some additions to his Wardrobe, and then finished the days day at the Cg House, called to see mother on my return to tea and late in the Ev.g Called at Cousin Anna Rotch's to wait upon Ina Church & Mary Rowe they having taken tea there

6th Day 22d. The cold weather having made it desirable to put our furnace in action I gave direction accordingly — but soon after the fire was lighted I found the house filling with smoke so that it was necessary to withdraw it immediately — Mr Jarod told me he had cleaned the pipe well last Spring I feared that the iron of the stove had become corroded so that important repairs and the demolition of the brick work to get at it would be necessary — but on making examination as well as I was able in the course of which I discovered but could not reach one of the stair rods which had fallen through the netting in the entry — I found that the pipe at its first angle on a level with the ash pit was filled with ashes so as to stop the draught — it having been so filled from the horizontal pipe which passes through the Brick work of the furnace. When the whole was disposed as above men-

to be cleared — On removg. this obstruction — the proper action was restored and I relieved from the unpleasant job work. I anticipated — I was thus occupied till about 10 Oclk. — after wch. I went to the Cg Hse de — Pell mostly spent in readg. to Father Prior part of Websters Speech on the Sub Treasury bill. in Evg. went to the Whig Meeting to hear Robt. C. Winthrop Speak on the present alarmg. political Crisis for Massachusetts — when her high honor seems likely to be cast down in the dust by her, at this late period when some of the States having elected are coming from their errors, & giving in her adhesion to the profligate principles & anti republican policy of Jackson & Vanburen. The Meeting was Crowded and attentive to the Speaker who spoke with eloquence and power — and I hope it will prove with effect to them with other means the

election of 5 Whig representatives to fill the constitutional number of our delegation to the Legislature, on second day next — after returning home spent the remr of the day in ready the news &c finishing Chit "Scripture Reading" & application of Caroline Fox —

7th day 23 Spent most of the morng & forenoon at home ready — then at the C. House — afternoon gave some attention to the Carpenters who were putting up the double or inner windows. the cold of the last few days having admonished us that the time for using them had again come — then walked to my lot to see to the work and enquire about the Surveying — found that the latter had not been done — made some efforts to find the Surveyor, and then finished the afternoon at the C. House in ready there the news — My business being now in such a state as to re-

quire but little of my time — In the ev. I attended the Whig Meeting Preparatory to the important election of Representatives on 2d day next — an election in which the prosperity and honor of the Commonwealth are deeply involved — the Mtg. was addressed with great earnestness ability and effect by Caleb Cushing Member of Congress from Essex Dist., the old Cong.l Mtg. house was crowded, and I trust the effort will, with those previously made here and in other quarters, save the Commonwealth from the disgrace which now threatens her — that of giving in her hitherto fair honorable name as a prosolyte to the Corrupt and false doctrines of the profligate administration of the National affairs, wch for the last ten years has afflicted the Country — by the election of true Whigs & Patriots to fill the vacancies now existing in the representation in the popular branch of our State Legislature

1st day 24th Attended Mtgs. and called at mothers about Sunset — with these exceptions the day & evg. was passed at home — Our brother in-law H. H. Barrow arrived about noon from New York, he came on sudden conclusion on hearing that J. W. Morgan & Co. had suspended payment to see his bro: & bro: in law here in relation to existing liabilities. — Ch: and Sarah called here at noon & Pliny Earl and Judge Prescott in the evg.

2d day 25th This day has been devoted to the business of the Election of representatives to fill the vacancies left at the former trial — The great importance of the Crisis bro: out the utmost efforts of the Whig party and by the favor of a kind Providence these efforts were signally successful resulting in the election of the Whig Ticket by a majority of nearly one hundred — By this and similar efforts

except the usual Bk. meetg.

in the other towns where they failed at the first trial to complete their delegation it is confidently hoped that the deep injury to the Cause of Right Principles and disgrace to our beloved State which seemed impending has been averted and that by the continuance of able and upright men in Office She will preserve her honored Standing among her Sister States and in the eyes of the World — May her Sons duly consider the imminent peril into which the unfaithfulness of some of them on a great question of Morals had brought her — and by a more simple devotion to the dictates of Conscience and duty — and a more adequate appreciation of the privileges and blessings with appropriate emotions of thankfulness and dependence towards their Divine Author, Save them & hers in future from such a threatened chastisement, as would be involved in the adoption of the unjust and prof-

bigute principles which have of late years characterised our National administration — After the declaration of the result which was received with a burst of exultation which could not be suppressed — the Whigs adjourned to the 3d Cong.l Mg. House and heard Congratulatory Speeches from Clifford & Colby — when all retired quietly to their homes and the day was ended — I was at home during the eve.g with Bro. Henry — I called at Mothers before retiring to rest — Bro. Wm. with his Son Saml. came from Boston to Vote — Alfred having sailed for Cuba on 7.th day last 3.d day 26.th — Spent the forenoon principally with Bro. Henry, who took his seat in the Stage for Stonington via Taunton & Mansfield & Providence about 12 O'Clk. A little impatience on the part of the driver obliged him to follow the Stage

to Blakes on foot to save his passage — The Rev. Orville Dewey now on a visit to this place made us a short call — he has been delivering lectures in Boston & Salem — He has met with a domestic affliction since we saw him at his mothers in Sheffield last summer in the death of his little daughter Louisa, who was at that time in very feeble health — I spent the afternoon at the C. House & occasionally at the Ins. Office to learn of the success of the Whig ticket in Boston &c, which I believe is such as to secure the Stability and integrity of Massachusetts for another year — We had a visit from mother and Sister Eliza & Bro. Andrew and Fred. & Rebecca & Lydia Russell at tea.

4th day 27 Attended to business at the C. House &c all — and went to my South lot in the afternoon to see to

to be present at the Survey of the same by Joseph Crapo to ascertain the S.W. Corner of the same. the S. corner being about 3 Rods Northward of South end of the old Wall, S. wall being Crooked and not rectified after the Sale by the trustees of the Bank. the Stones originally placed to mark the S. corner were found and the line Satisfactorily retraced through its course by Compass varied from the record two degrees — the South line was found about 3 rods more than Stated in the deeds — the measurement now been evidently made from the S.W. corner of the Wall instead of the true Corner of the lot — Isaac Jennings and one of his workmen by the name of Alden assisted in the Survey and can attest to the facts with Mr. Crapo if at any time desired — the North line fell short about 3 feet — probably by an er

or in placing the east Wall on the
line between this lot and that of the
heirs of the late Humphrey Hatha-
way — My Cousin James Arnold
who owns the wood land on the West
had notice of the Survey but
could not conveniently attend
but did not wish the business post-
poned — In the ev.g. went with
ma Chen H & Mary to Prof. De Wolf
Lecture — on Heat &c
5th day 28 This is the annual Holyday
of New England called Thanksgiving
for this State — I went with ma Chen
H & Mary to the Unitarian meet.g
to hear our friend Mr. Dewey — and
I was much pleased with the Sermon
which was on the Subject of the Moral
discipline of this life in the events in
all their diversity of Character except as
they arise from the malignant exercise
of our own free Will to do wrong. This
is but one of the Case as necessarily
perhaps resulting from the attributes

295 Pages 293 & 294 follow two leaves have
7th day 30th Spent the forenoon in
reading at home, and at the Ct house
— I had a call there from my brother
in law Micah H. Ruggles. he having brot.
his daughter Mary over to see her
grandmother — he reports Sister
Lydia as considerably better so that
she can sit up a considerable part
of the day — Mary has been spend-
the week (the Thanksgiving holidays)
at home, she expects to return to
her School at Brookline on 2d day
of next week — I called at Mothers
with our Dr Mary after dinner to
see her — though the latter is two
years older and well grown her
cousin Mary Ruggles is much lar-
ger — she is very well, her visit
at the Springs last Summer having
cured the complaint with which
she had been previously troubled
— her father & she set off on their
return about 3 Oclk. — after
which I repaired to the Counting

ing been inadvertently turned over]
house and was engaged there till late
— I however got home in time to go
with ma Chen H & Mary & Frank
to Professor De Wolfs lecture. the
subject of which was Heat & Combus-
tion — of which he stated what is known
— the facts in the case without attempt-
ing to theorise — modern discoveries
having disproved the theory of Lavoisier
that Oxygen is the only supporter of com-
bustion. and that the heat and light
evolved proceeds from the Caloric wch
was latent in the Gases the bases of
which form new combinations in the
process — Iodine and one or two
other substances are found to be
supporters of combustion — and
in the explosion of Gunpowder there
are gases formed by the combustion
but not the substance is a solid no
air or other agent being necessary to the
process — and heat & light are notwith-
standing given out in great degree — so that
it can only now be P. that there are the results of
intense chemical action. —

of Free Agency and in this he saw only evil to the actor. But aside from this exception, he viewed all other things in life to have a moral import and that their true tendency and design was to School and train the mind to Virtue — To my mind he illustrated his views in a very interesting and satisfactory manner. — We had Prof. DeWolfe to dine with us the Family — and we found him very agreeable in private as well as interesting in the Lecture room. He left us towards Sunset and I spent a short time at the G. house — Mary had her friend Eliza Perry to take tea with us. and in the ev. Mr. Beane and quite late Jabez Perry called. the latter to attend his Daughter home. In the interim between their Visits I was occupied in writing &c and afterward called at Cousin Rob's. to

attend my wife home she having passed the ev. there — We then called at C.H. Morgans, partly on business — he goes tomorrow to Phil on account of some embarrassment in his brother Thomas's business —

6th day 29th Went to the Academy to attend the Semi annual Meeting of the trustees but there being no quorum the M.G. was adj.d for a week — The M.G. and most of the forenoon was spent in writg letters for Newyork & Had to go by my bro.rs Chas & Wm — Afternoon at the Cg House, Eve.g with Mary & Frank at the Concert of the Hungarian Singers, which was very interesting from the compass of Voice and flexibility which they exhibited, imitating and surpassing the highest & lowest notes of instrumental Music — The hall was well filled and they are expected to repeat their exhibition a week or two hence — Sem.g of the ev.g at home

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1st day 1st — Attended Meetings A M & P M at Frdr. Mg. House and Spent the day and Eve. otherwise at home Eliz.a Rodman called at the close of the Morng. Mg — and in the Eve. Welcome & Caroline Greene called for a few minutes — they expect to take their departure for Providence to morrow to Spend the Winter

2d. day 2d — Attended the Mg. of Bank Directors and Spent the rest of the forenoon at the Cy House — had a call at dinner time from the Rev. Sylvester Holmes agt. of the Bible Society with reference to an exposition of the claims & objects of the association at a Mg. of the Soc.y of Friends — I referred him to Geo. Howland & Abm. Sherman — The afternoon was mostly occupied with the funeral Services of my late friend Elisha Dunbar — with whom I have had a very Satisfactory

business intercourse from nearly the time of my own entering into Commercial affairs — having ever found him an upright and worthy man with much of the feelings and deportment of a gentlemen in the genuine sense of the word. — after leav. the place of interment, Friends' burying ground I repaired to the C.J. house and remained till about tea time, — after tea read an hour in the Life of Wilberforce to the family and then looked over the Phil. News 3d day 3d. Spent the forenoon partly at home & the rem^r at the C.J. House copying my Meteorological Journal for last month to send to Professor Espy. afternoon at the C.J. House, and ev.g. at home — Dr. Read passed it with us, which prevented our going on with the life of Wilberforce — Father Prior — not quite so well for these two last days as for some time previous, but not so as to require medical advice

4th day 4th Occupied in reading at home till about 10 A.M. rem: of the day principally Spent at the C.J. house, called at mothers on my way to tea — In the ev. went with Frank to Prof: De Wolfs lecture — The audience was small from the inclemency of the weather — this being the 4th or 5th day of a hard N.E. Gale — accom: panied however with no rain till to day and as yet but about 31/100 of an inch.

5th day 5th Attended the Mtg of Bank Directors, called at mothers and being inadvertantly too late on leave: to attend the Quarterly Mtg. I finished the money at the C.J. house — afternoon also Spent at my business there — In the ev. went with ma Chen H+ sister Sarah to the Mechanics Hall. expecting to hear the Hungarian Singers they having been announced for last ev. + that to exhibit at that place — but the

weather or other causes had prevented their arrival in Town — Mr. Chen H & self then called on Uncle Williams and afterward at Mothers. Georgiana Riddell took tea with us and spent the ev with Mary —

6th. day 6th. Attended the adjourned meeting of Trustees at the Academy All after which I was occupied in relation to the Same at the C.J. House — Afternoon principally devoted to C.J. House duties called at Mothers and Sister Annas on my return to tea. The latter with Martha & Andrew and Rob & Sybil and their little boy Wm J. just arr? from Newyork via Fall River — They were delayed a little by the late Storm and had rather a rough passage to Stonington — They think the little boy with reference to whose health the journey was made is likely to be restored under the Homopathic treatment of D. Vandeberg of Newyork. — They visited Phila & Vicinity in their absence. — Eve J. at Prof. De Volf's

lecture — on Metals &c, called a moment at our Nephew Prof. R Roberts's on our return — 7th day 7.th At home read & de till 9½ A.M. — went to my S.W. lots where workmen are getting out stone & works de de — thence to the Cg. House, there home at 12 O'clk to go with my Chm H to call on Hannah Murray and her Step daughter Gertrude just marr'd to Geo. F. Hussey of this place — after dinner took little Ellen to make a visit Wm A. Wall's stopped at the Library to find a book by Jacob to my wife — thence to the Cg. House — at dusk Jacob called with the Carriage to go for little Ellen — took her and her little friends who were of the party & in all and left them at their several homes — They had a very pleasant visit — and I was for the first time in Williams's house, which is a snug little tasteful affair he showed me some of the armour, viz helmet &

Arm piece, used in the 16th Century
— Thankful that my allotment has fallen
in a more Civilized & peaceful period
— Returned to dispose of my books &c at
the Cg. House and passed the A.M. at home
principally in reading from the "Life
of Wilberforce" — Mrs Chase & visited
with Sister Sarah on nephew T. R. Rob-
erts new house now nearly com-
pleted — little Sue went with them
and some of Sister Sarah's Children — the
former stopped at her aunts to tea. —
1st Day 8th After breakfast I went to
the wharves & among the Sailor boding
houses to invite Seamen &c to the Bethel
called also at mothers — attended
meeting A.M. & P.M. at the Mariners
Church the weather damp & rainy
and a small audience on both occa-
sions — the Rev. Sylvester Holmes of-
ficiated in the forenoon — and I anoth-
ointed W. Mudge in the afternoon
at the close of the service at the Church
to the House of Correction to perform

his weekly apostolic duty to the prisoners—, about 25 males & 10 females — one of the latter had an infant about 8 mos. old — whose smiling face and inarticulate voice seemed strange in such a place. —

— Evg. at home with the usual reading in the bible &c and several hymns sung by the Children. — No calls throughout the day — leaving the family at liberty for the appropriate occupations of the day —

2d day 7th. Wrote in my diary, read, and meditated as usual in the morng attended at the Bank, called at mothers & attended to business at the Ct House &c throughout the forenoon — My mother informed me that this is the anniversary of her birth — being now 82 years old — & that she was to dine to day — if the weather which was unpleasant would permit as Sister Annas — I was informed by a message at the Ct.

Home from meeting P. about noon that Mother would dine at Sister Sarah's & that we were summoned to meet her. which we did and spent the day with the exception of an hour or two after dinner at the C.J. House &c — The Children with Bro. Wm & Sister Eliza with ourselves made up the party at dinner — in the eve. Sister Sarah, her two Elder Children, Eliz & Rodman & Son Mary joined — and had an agreeable visit — Mother appeared very well and to enjoy the occasion — The weather was stormy in the eve but the declined Sisters Sis invitation to remain with them through the night

3d day 10 hr. Remained at home reading &c till 10 O.Clk — Repaired to business duties at the Wbg. bank C.J. House &c, called to see my mother on my way home, who was very well, she having returned home through the storm last eve, without taking Cold — Spent the afternoon at the C.J. House. — Eve. at home

Mr. J. V. Beane of the Acady called on business — Read half of an hour to Ma chez H & sister in the "Life of Wilberforce"

4th day 11th Spent the day with little exception at the Cg House — after the usual morning avocation, Eng. at home Spent in read'g the Life of Wilberforce & the news of the day — Ma chez Mary began to take lessons as Hannah Russells Sewing School this day. — A school which she has opened for her support and that of her Children since the Bankruptcy in Prince and in character of her husband at Newyork She having returned with them to her mother

5th day 12th At home till 9 then to the Bank Directors Mg — & to the Cg House for the rem: of the day home to Dinner except tea — Read at home ready Wilberforce who was as eminent for his religious watchfulness in the midst of his Public & Social duties

as for his Social & forensic talents —
— may his example strengthen my en —
deavors to live up to the dictates of my
conscience — Went to C.M. Morgans
late in the ev^g, expecting that he had
got home but — I was mistaken —
My sister had some hope that he might
have taken Porter in his route and a^d
arrive in the Stage this ev^g — Our
little Ellen kept in the nursery to Day
on acc^t of a cold — Sister Phebe
Hunt troubled with a tooth for Several
days past

6th Day 13th. Rose as usual about 5½ O'clk
Read & be at home & in some petty engagements
there till near noon — then to give direction
and look to my workmen at the South
Lots — after Dinner partly occupied in the
same way at my home on School Street
afterwards at the C.H. Home till near the
lecture hour — whither I repaired with
Ma Chas H. Storey & Frank — It was
very interesting, particularly that part
or closing Salutation, rem^r of the ev^g ready

the news

7th Day 14th Rose at 5½ Oclk took a short walk on business before breakfast — to the Cg House till Dea G. home and then again in the afternoon — till near dark after tea read from Wilberforce & devoted the rem: of the day to the News Paper of this day's mail — our little Children had their Cousins Isabel & Betty Morgan to visit them this afternoon

1st Day 15th — Weather very Stormy so that I did not visit the Seamens boarding houses as I had proposed to do to invite them to attend Divine Service at the Bethel. I attended that Meeting A.M. & P.M. — The Pastor officiating in the forenoon & Elder Smith in the afternoon, I called at mothers at the close of the first Mg and found her very well. the remainder of the day and Ev at home — had calls in the Ev from T. A. Green Fred.k & Wm C Roberson, which interrupted the usual Scripture recitation reading &c

2d. day 16th Rose as usual, Scriptural
read & be before breakfast, — To Bank —
Ins. Office — Saw Audubon the Naturalist
and subscribed for his work, afterward
at sundry places & C.H. till meeting hour — read to father Prior after
Din — — to C.H. House, till ten Read
from Wilberforce &c in the Evg
— Snow Storm all most of the day
3d. day 17th Engaged in the Morning in
Reading &c devoted the day to C.H. House
duties principally called at mothers —
Evg. at home, — Sister Sarah called on
an errand with her son Rodman — Chas
unwell so that he has not been at the
C.H. house these two days, the weather
& walking being unfavorable — Read
in the life of Wilberforce after they
returned to the family —
4th. day 18th Occupied at the C.H. House
principally after the morning, called
at C.H. Morgans after dinner believing yet a little unwell and not at
his Count.g. House, Evg. Spent in read.g.

as of late in the Life of Wilberforce with the family — Professor De Wolf's lecture being put off on acct. of his health — some of the family took a ride in the Sleigh this day — in the day clothes in the eve —

5th. Day 19th — Spent the Morg. as usual at home, called on Robert Murray & Mr. Audubon and devoted the remainder of the day principally at the C. House, Eve'g. at home with a small party to meet Robt. & Hannah Murray's children Geo & Gertrude Hussey with the sister (Sarah) of George W. Audubon Spent an hour with us but as our tea was late he excused himself on acct. of some engagements: and the necessity of retiring early as he leaves in the Early Stage for Boston to morrow — he is an interesting old gentleman and is much pleased with New Bedford for the liberal manner in which he has been patronized for his new (Oct.) edition of his Ornithology — having

obtained subscribers for 40 Copies.
6th. day 20th. Spent the morng. most of the forenoon at home, went in the Sleigh with our three daughters on an errand to A Shop, left Mary at the Academy and made a call in Chatty-st. up? to the Cg. House a little before noon and was there again quite late in the afternoon the intermediate time occupied with the Phila. Anti Slavery Papers, as 5 — To a Mng. of the Exec. Board of the Port Society — Read after tea from the Life of Wilberforce and the News. Mary on a Visit at Geo. Howlands —
7th. day 21 Spent the Mg. as usual at home forenoon in attend. to business at the Cg. House — called with W. H. Taylor as a Comtee. of the Port Socy on the Rev. Snow to present the thanks of the Socy. for the interesting address with which he favored us at public anniversary and request a copy to be published with the annual report — To which request he authorised us to expect an affirmative conclusion

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afternoon considerably spent in reading the news at home, &c: at the Cg. House &c. Evg. in continuance of Cg House duties at home, Our niece Ellen and Walter Mitchell visited our Children at tea &c—

1st Day 22. After an early breakfast I called at the differens or several boarding Houses for Seamen and at the vessels belonging to other places at the Wharves to invite the boarders & the men attached to S. Vessels to attend divine Service at the Mariners Ch.—in which duty I had satisfactory success, attended that morning forenoon and afternoon and accompanied Mr. Mudge & Mr. Kent the latter having officiated in the closing Prayer at the Church, to the House of Correction, where Mr. Kent preached very appropriately to the Convicts —Called at Mothers & Sister Anna's a moment at the close of my day duties. and helped the former into her

carriage to go to her little meeting — Benj. at home in readg with the Children & having no calls to interfere with an application of our time in coincidence with our views of what is befitting the day.

2d. day 23d — Mg. readg to at home, after breakfast at the Bank Directors meetg — then to business at the Cg. House &c & callg. at Mothers and workg. over the Paper — afternoon called at C. W. Morgans on business he being yet rather unwell remained at home this wet & snowy day — Evg. at home reading from the life of Wilberforce and ditto &c —

3d. day 24th. Mg. at home readg. &c — after breakfast went to a Shop with the two youngest girls in the Sleigh with Cas. Rotenberg as Caretaker for preparation for Christmas — when after leavg me at the Store they went to take a Sleigh Ride — Aftn afternoon also at Cg. Hse wg. with me chez H. at bro. Benj.m Mary & Hannah

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at Grace Church which is decorated as usual with evergreens on this anniversary of the birth of the Saviour of the World — How long will it be before his beneficent reign shall pervade all hearts, and thus supercede or render unnecessary these outward observances to remind the world of his Celestial Mission. — How long before the outward and imperfect announciation shall reach the remote Corners of this globe now enveloped in the Obscurity of heathen darkness — If this lies beyond our limited Sphere of Vision, may it be my concern & that of our family in all its various branches by his grace and good Spirit to mind and establish in our hearts becom in deed & in truth as well as in name his disciples, to our peace in this life and our eternal consolation in that which is to come

4th day 25 — Spent the morng in Read^g and writ^g to Capt Morslander of the

Ship Charles — then attended the Temperance Convention, deemg. it proper to do so instead of attendg. the Religious Services at Grace Church — The Convention was not so well attended from our own Town as it ought to have been they put me in the Chair, and thus & in measures for getting an org. meetg. the day was consumed. At the org. meetg. I was also put in the Chair, this too from the engagements incidental to the day, the Religious Services at the Universalist Church and the Lecture of Prof. DeWolf was but thinly attended I trust however that the addresses of Mr. Crosby and the plans suggested by him for the operations the present winter will give an impulse and be followed by results which will be auspicious to the important Cause of Temperance — Called at the Close of the meetg. at Jos. Ricketson's to have a consultation with Mr. P. relative to making a call to aid the State Soc'y

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Mrs Chas H. rode to Fairhaven to take Susan to see her friends — Mr & the Children were at Ch.d i the forenoon — Sister P. Dined at Charles' — no one attended the Lyceum Lecture, Many being at her Uncle Morgans to tea —

5th day 26th Spent the morning in reading &c at home as usual. Then to Bank, made some calls on business and saw Mr Crosby on the Temperance Cause for whom I obtained a contribution from my mother — Rem.d of the day at the Cg. House evg. at home reading to Family from the life of Wilberforce

6th day 27th Spent the morning at home as usual — and the day principally at the Cg. House. Called at Mothers on my way home to dinner evg at Professor De Wolfs Lecture then finished the evg in looking over the papers — evg. Stormy & Mrs Chas H. did not go out

7th Day 28 Morng. at home in reading the Day principally at the Mg. House, called at Mothers. In the Evg. went out to attend an Anti-Slavery Meeting but finding it not I made a call at my Aunt Mary's — and returned home about 8½ Oclk, Remn. of the Evg. in looking over the News Paper

1st Day 29th After the Mg. Reading & an early breakfast I went round among the boarding houses for Seamen according to the appointment of the Ex. Board of the Port Soc'y to invite the inmates to the Bethel I also went to the different Vessels transiently here with Crews onboard for the same purpose — I also attended worship there both forenoon and afternoon. The meetings were not numerously but respectable in point of numbers — The exercises as usual were edifying — In the Evg I attended a Lecture by Geo. F. Bradburn on Slavery at Concert Hall, which was able and interesting though marked

or sentiments
by a few expressions which were
in bad taste if not obnoxious to
a more severe condemnation —
I object not to the utmost ener-
gy of the language when the
sins and evils of Slavery are un-
der consideration for I hold that
they are paramount in iniquity
and in unhappy consequence to
all others — and therefore I de-
not feel like censuring harshly
— if transported with the convic-
tions of the mountain mass of wick-
edness. Speakers on the subject
are carried beyond sometimes
the true bounds of propriety
on the theme — The meeting
was pretty large and very at-
tentive.

2 day 30th After breakfast went to the
Bank and then to the Cy House &
Engaged also in the afternoon there
and in the W. went again to
hear Mr Bradburn lecture on

American Slavery — On which subject he was again very interesting the audience was not very large the coldness of the W.S. may have been the Cause or the abolition zeal of our Community is not warm enough to resist a low point in the Scale of Farenheit — the lecture was at the Universalist Church and was about half filled, a considerable proportion of the audience were colored people. — I attended ma cher H to Cousin Anna Hotels before the lecture and called for her on my return — we also made a short call at Tho. Robesons on coming home — their little Andrew is again more unwell —

3d day 31 — Went to the C.H. House before breakfast and was occupied there and elsewhere in relation to business most of the day and till rather late, so that I was not able to be at home in time to accompany ma cher H and

and the Children Seasonably to Prof.
DeWolfs last Lecture — I however
went alone and heard about 2/3 of it
— The room was uncomfortably cold &
and therefore the Lecture was not so ed-
ifying as it must otherwise in have
been — We heard to day by a letter
from Payta that Capt Mosslander
of the Charles died at Paytoo in
the 9th month 2d day — hæmorrhage
Sn.° 29 for Surgical aid he having
his leg badly broken the 21st of that
month. this very Sad news for his
family and all concerned in the
Voyage — Thus terminates the
year 1839 — with innumerable
blessings and mercies from the boun-
tiful Creator and Governor of the
Universe it bears on its records many
Painful Memorials of bereavement
Sorrow and Sin — Time last might
have been avoided or lessened by
a wiser improvement of time and
Talents — by a more faithful en

endeavour to ascertain and perform
on the part of mankind in their diverse
allotments their duties Religious Civil
and Social, by a more sincere &
persevering seeking for that Divine
Grace which is indispensable to
preserve us from error and evil &
sin which are so surely the con-
sequence of a worldly and selfish
spirit, and which our Saviour came
to reveal and supply to all who
ask in faith — May it be
my endeavour and that of all of
those who are associated with me
in life to avail more fully through
any future time which may be allot-
ted to us of this heavenly aid, so that
at the close of another year if
our Maker see its close, our recolle-
tions of delinquencies may be less nu-
merous and painful, on an investiga-
tion more strict and thorough than
they at present are — May we
not omit to pray habitually for this divine
aid

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4th day 1 mo 1 Occupied at home as usual before breakfast — after called on Bro. Wm. Asto Mary Bro. Benj.n Sister Sarah, Anna & Matthew — then attended to business and was detained at the Cg. House till a late Chr. g. hour, after Dinner perused my Meteorological Register for the new year, and then called on Lydia Russell & Edward Robinson about dark on my way to the Cg. House when I was engaged till 8 Oclk when I went to the Wharf & and returned home — I then called on my Uncle Wm Rotch Jun. but as they were out I did not see them — I then found the Cg at home — — My wife had a considerable number of Calls from her Male friends, and in the interchange of presents the Children were as usual delighted in they buoyant anticipation and reciprocal wishes of a Happy new Year

the day very Cold, Mercury at 6° — and ranged to 13° — had our best Parlor open — fire rather insufficient Grate too small for the weather, but not uncomfortable for activity which prevailed. There has another year dawned brightly upon us — what may be its history time only can reveal — may it be however our Chief Solicitude to seek to know our whole duty, and to ask in faith for that heavenly grace which can alone qualify us to perform it faithfully.

2d day 2d. Occupied at home before breakfast in ready writing & some other things after brkf. called to see my Uncle William & Aunt as I failed to see them in my Call last evg — called also at Aunt Mercy's bro Thos Benj. Chl. & Andrews to adjust for use a trifle to facilitate the domestic operation of fitting the argand lamps — called also at Mothers and devoted the rem. time to Cg. House duties & remaining

at the Cg. House till about 9 O'Clk.
bring up arrears incidental to the claims
of a social nature which the season presents
6th day 3d Occupied at the Cg. House
after the Morning – while at tea
John Baily & J A Collins called to get
me to introduce the latter Geo Howard
and – in the hope that he might
obtain a contribution to the Anti Sla-
very Cause, this I did but did
not remain long there on acct. of an
engagement to attend a Temperance
Meeting, to confer on measures for
Carrying forward the Cause – But
there were so few in attendance
that nothing was done except to
appoint a Com^ee of the whole to
Meet again and further deliberate
on 2d day eve next, Sister Eliza took tea with us
4th day 4th After the M.G. exercises went
to the Cg. House before breakfast. mg after
Breakfast J. A. Collins called to ask me to
introduce him to James Arnold and
I went first to the house but finding

that he had gone out, we followed & found him at the Cg. House, when after stopping a few minutes I went left them in argument & have not learned the success of the interview for the Anti Slavery Cause — devoted the rem: of the day to Cg. House avocations and spent the eve. at home — Sister Sarahs little girls Isabel & Bebby visited our children this afternoon & were with us at tea

1st. day 5th. Attended Meetings at Friends House of worship, and spent the rest of the day at home except accompanying Sister Sarah home on her return from a call in the afternoon where I stopped a few minutes, and then went to see my mother, eve at home spent in social reading with the Children &c &c — no calls —

2d. day 6th. Attended the Bank Directors Meeting and devoted the rem: of the day to Cg. House duties and to business duties rather late at tea — had the company of E. Drinker & Mary & Sister Sarah & her two elder Children —, went after tea

to meet a Temp.ce Com.e but found the
Mg. was postponed or omitted —
3.d day 7 Spent the day principally in
Cy House duties — Jacob being unwell
I missed his usual summons for entrance
at 5 p Oclk and the dawning light of day
being excluded by the Closed Shutters I
was inadvertantly in bed till near 7. &
then the adjustment of the Nursery &
Parlor fires confined my attention
till the breakfast hour — Called
a moment at mothers on business
She is very well and bright for
her years. — To the Lyceum in
the ev.g and heard a lecture from
the Rev Jas. Austin Roberts on the
life & Character of Mohamet —
— and return.d home by the way
of the Post Office — found a letter
from our Son Thomas, which re-
ports himself & brother in good health
— Sister Phebe is not quite so well
as usual having taken cold duri.g
the late Seasonable weather

4th Day 8th. At home ready for till about 9 A.M. — then made Sundry Calls on business including mother's and Aunt Mary's and finished the day at the Cg. House including the evg — where I was detained analysing and entering some long and complicated accounts which required a more uninterrupted attention than I can often give in the day time

5th Day 9th Morng. at home Spent as usual in making the Nursery fire and which Carr. has since the cold weather failed to do with sufficient effect, and in writg. ready &c — after breakfast to the Bank Directors meeting and the Cg. House. Rode at home examining accts. and in going to different places to settle them, Spent a short time at the Cg. House and took tea at mother's to meet Gov. Eyerton Hassey his sister bro: Bp James with Mr. Chas H. & Mary only at tea A. & M. Roberson & Matthew Howard in the evg.

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Mother excites my admiration at the brightness of her old age, She appeared to enjoy and to participate in the entertainment of her guests as though she was 20 years younger

6th day 10th Engaged before breakfast at home as usual — went after called at mothers and the Rev. E. Mudge's to invite them to visit us this afternoon — the remr. of the day spent in business occupations at the Cg. house — in addition to Mother & Sister Eliza & Mrs Mudge we had the Compy. of My Aunt Nancy Rotch at tea Mr. Mudge spent the latter part of the evg. with us

7th Day 11th Occupied after the morning in attention to my business concerns at the Cg. house &c — calling at mother in the afternoon with reference to the same — to keep up with the current of my affairs I omitted coming home to tea and remained at the Cg. house till nearly 11 Oclk. the ad jint. of the last years accts. to bring J. an accurate

lation of clerical duties — which I am accustomed to discharge wholly myself —
1st day 12th attended meetings at Fos place of worship — and spent the rest of the day at home in reading a character appropriate to the day set apart for the high concerns of religion and eternity — after the reading and hymns by the Children in the evg I called at my mothers, and afterward with reference to my visit to Fall River proposed for to-morrow, at cousin E. Barney's — She having had a desire to go there also on acct of the illness of the old friend Eunice Barnard — I found however that she had gone this afternoon — Mr Chace & daughter Sue will probably go with me to F. R. if the weather is pleasant
2d day 13th After the usual mg exercises I went to the Cg House with reference to leaving home for Fall River to attend the Quarterly Meeting of the Dartmouth Cg and after breakfast set off about a quarter before 9, with Mr Chace &

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and daughters Susan & Ellen we had a pleasant ride with winter Scenery roads 4/5 of the way as well suited to runners as to wheels — Set down my passengers about 11 Oclk at Sister Lydias and putting my horses up at the Stable of the Pocasset House repaired to the Office of the Cy — and devoted the rest of the forenoon and till 3 Pt 3, to the business and to an examination of the New (Pocquechan) Mill dirg. with the other members of the Pocasset Co. — I spent about an hour at my Sisters — who is rather better but still much of an invalid being obliged to assume a reclining position a part of each day to mitigate the distressing sensations of the Stomach, and even the violent efforts to Vomit wch is a Symptom of her disease. — we had a pleasant ride homeward, — dined at 4½ Oclk

and arrived at 7 — found all well as when we left — thought Father Prior has felt more debility to day than usual —

3d. day 14th. Occupied through the day with Cg House duties, called for a few minutes at mothers who I was sorry to find was affected with a cold — symptoms hoarseness and sore throat the recollection of her severe and protracted illness last winter makes us anxious for her on the present occasion — I attended the Lyceum lecture in the evg by Professor Webster on the Character of Watt the great engineer and improver of the Steam Engine which made such a revolution in Society and so vastly extended and accelerated the Civilization of man — —

Father Prior better to day —

4th. Day 15th. Occupied through the day at the Cg. House morng & evg. at home Mr. Wisbiskie spent the latter part of the evg. with us — Mary at her uncle Wm

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— Called to see my mother, She
tho't her cold better — Father
Prior comfortable to day
5th. day 16th. After the Morng. notes &
readg. in the Bible &c I took an early
breakfast before the family and repaired
to the Cg. House, thence to the Mtg. of Bk.
Directors and some other calls on bu-
siness, also at mothers where cold
I was glad to find abating, and finished
the day with this exception at the
Cg. House where I returned rather
late to tea — Called at mothers again
on my way from dinner having just
learned of the destruction by fire of
the Steamboat Lexington on her passage
from Newyork to Stonington on 2—
day ev'g. last, with about 200 souls
on board of whom 3 only are said to have
been saved — The fire originated from
Sparks falling on Cotton bales and
had attained such head way when
discovered that it could not be
arrested — The boat was then just

for the Shore with accelerated Speed
— which could not be checked as the
boats were putting off with the pas-
sengers and they were all overwhelmed
— it is yet to learned who were the
immediate Sufferers or to what extent
and direction this awful Calamity will
be felt in the disruption of the Strong
and tender ties of kindred and affection
and interest and friendship — may that
benificent Providence which has per-
mitted the Catastrophy assuage the
Sorrows and mitigate the Sufferings
which it will entail — And may
it act as an incitement to all to
redeem the time with which they are
favored to prepare for the certain
event which awaits all the living
either more or less remote, either more
or less sudden, and make our call-
ing and election sure — Ira Chace
** — not very well to day — having
probably taken som cold or her jaunt to
Fall River i— the day of the above awful acci-

6th day 17th Occupied as usual before breakfast - Ed reading the Nursery Fire went to Readfield - the rest of the day at the C.J. House &c - called at Mothers and a moment at Sister Annas — Dr Vandeberg arr'd yesterday from Newyork to see T. Robbins little boy who was under his care at Newyork — it seems providential that he was not sent for one week earlier — which if done would probably have added his name to list of the dead by the conflagration of the Steamboat Lexington — he left at 11 on his return via Fall River & Providence intending to see Sister Lydia and consider her case at the former place — The Boston & N York papers give a small number of the passengers in the ill fated Lexington but a very small part of the sufferers when they ascertained — Eve at home — had a call on business from Mrs Dix — Rodman Morgan & Chs Randall also called —

7th Day 18th This is the Eighteenth anniversary of our eldest Children's birth — The helpless infants in the lapse of the intervening time are fast verging to Physical maturity to Men & Women's Estate — The maturity of the mind and heart are not so soon attained — The omnipotent and beneficent Author of Nature carries the one, by its appropriate means, to its ultimate development, but in regard to the other The means are also provided but the degree in which they will be availed of for moral and intellectual improvement depends much more upon the adventitious (if I may so speak) circumstances of position in the world and in Society and upon the fidelity with which under the influence of reason & conscience those circumstances of an external Character are used or improved — here is an immense responsibility resting on every individual blessed as those are whose lot is cast in regions of the most advanced Civilization under the light of Christianity — a responsibility on which his own usefulness to his fellow creatures

and his happiness in this life and the next are suspended — May our dear Children so avail themselves of the means which surround them for their mental & moral improvement — Chuse with that fidelity to the high principles of Reason and Conscience with which they are endowed which will preserve them, with the superadded grace, which by way of eminence is called the peculiar, or in the language of one of the early promulgators of the Gospel, the unspeakable gift of Our heavenly father, from sin if not from error, and ensure to them the consolations of virtue and religion, the highest happiness of this State of being, and the substantial grounds of faith & hope in the enjoyment of the more exalted felicity of heaven when time shall be superceded by eternity — Grant O Father that this may be the experience of our dear Children who are now entering on their seventeenth year, as well as of those who are less advanced in the pilgrimage of life — I made a call at Mothers

and Sister Annas — and devoted the day principally to G. House duties — Wife at home, Dan nephew Wm L. Robeson, and Ellen took tea and spent the ev. with us — but I was surprised on return f. to find that Ma chen th. who took cold on the day of our visit at Fall River had called in Dr. Read in consequence of the aggravation of her Symptoms pain in the head &c — he however encourages us to hope that the attack will be transient. Wm R Roberson called late in the ev. to accompany his sister in law home —

1st day 19th Attended meetings at Friends Place of worship, and spent the rem: of the day in reading & writing & family intercourse befitting the day appropriated to religious exercises & improvement Ma chen th confined to the nursery but better than last ev — bro: Wm & Sister Rebecca and Benj" Rotch and his Sister Joanna Called — the first saw Father Prior — in the ev. Judge Prescott called — Sister heard the Children

read in fathers room, and the young-
ger children united with us in the
nursery in the use of one of Henry
Thornton's Prayers — I Spent the latter
part of the ev. in visit. to Our Sons
at Haverford

2d. day 20th. Spent the day principally
in attend. to my business at the Cg. House
& morng & Eve at home, excepting that
I went to engage a mason to repair the
lining of our furnace which had be-
come broken by the attempts to detach
the Scoria which forms in the intense
heat of the Combustion of Anthracite
Coal — had the lining renewed with
Soap Stone instead of fire bricks as here-
to fore — Sister Eliza took tea with
us — Ann Chase H. Still confined to the
nursery but better — Our Cousin Eliz-
abeth Arnold called here to day. the
first time for many months

3d. day 21st. Attended to business at the
Cg. house, called at Mothers in rela-
tion to the cause of Emancipation, who

is ever ready to give encouragement to the efforts which the wise and good are making to restore to the Slave the victim of outrage and oppression his natural & inalienable rights of which he has been deprived by the cupidity and power of a more favord and enlightened race — in as much as they are protected in the voluntary exercise of those rights which they deny to the other — After tea I attended with Frank the Lecture of the Lyceum which was delivered by the rev. Jas. A. Rodgers, Subject Insects — it was very interesting and afforded striking illustrations of the benevolence and wisdom & power of the God of nature the creator of all things — so gloriously displayed in his works on every hand, around above, below within — and yet so little acognised and adored by man the most highly endowed of his creatures on this earth — and fitted to find his chief happiness in doing his holy will and obeying his divine laws — Mrs. Chenoweth better, but not below stairs —

4th day 22d. Spent the day principally in attention to Cg. House business. Called at Mothers. Morng. passed as usual in reading &c — wrote a letter on business after tea and then read Socially in the life of Wilberforce. and afterward. the "Iron Rivitars" to myself — This little periodical breathes the true Spirit of the Gospel, and I trust will have a decided influence in exalting the sacred flame of Christianity among the Nations of Christendom, where it has too generally become nearly extinguished — Mr Chen H. has been below Stairs to day, but his place in the nursery has been filled by little Sue & Ellen — both of whom have Colds, which makes it prudent to guard them by such confinement — Father Price is also afflicted with hoarseness and Sister Phebe and Mary are also somewhat indisposed —

5th day 23d — Attended the Bank Directors Meeting and devoted the remainder of the day to

Cg. Hoare dutied, called twice at mothers — She as yet continues very well and remarkably active & bright for her years — Lucy at Home ready to make chem to from the life of Wilberforce — Our invalids much as yesterday except Sister Phebe who is worse, so as to put her quite on the sick list — Frank also a little complaining —

6th Day 24th My. at home reading after breakfast, attended to business at the Ins. Office Bunhill Row, called at mothers and finished the forenoon at the Cg House — after dinr — Spent some time in reference to the Temperance Cause — calling at J. B. Congdons and at the Ins. Office to see his bro Joseph — James being too much unwell for me to see him — latter part of the afternoon at the Cg House, Lucy (rather late) after the family had had tea, at home — Our invalids remain much as yesterday except that father Pring & Sister Phebe are rather more unwell — Read the News & extracts from Thornton's Prayers

7th Day 25 Spent the Morg. and a considerable part of the forenoon in reading &c - Towards the close of the day at the Cg. House made a call at a house inhabited by the very indigent portion of our population to distribute some Temp.ce Almanacks - found in one apartment a combination of discomfort & sickness and poverty which strongly excited my sympathy - How little do the prosperous know of the privations and sufferings of the poor and the profligate - or the ignorant and shiftless - The bounds of human sympathy are very contracted when measured by the gospel rule - Called at Mothers - She continues very well - Called also at W.R. Robesons in the evg. Their little boy is again very ill and the little girl has an attack of Scarlet fever - Henry Blood spent the early part of the evg. with us - I was detained at the Cg. House so that I lost a considerable part of his visit he is now from New Orleans

1st Day 26th. Rose as usual and spent the Mg. in writing readie before breakfast on her way home from our Brethren T. R. Roberts to say that the little boy died about a quarter past 2 o'clk this morning — he expired very suddenly after an apparently comfortable nap of an hour in his mothers arms, and with but little indications of distress — Thus after nearly two years of ill health and many turns which occasioned much anxiety to his parents and friends, and after having their hopes much raised and almost confirmed by their recent consultations with Dr. Vandeberg of New York, they are disappointed, and a very lovely boy is removed from mortal sight — But the light of the Gospel has dispelled to the faith of the believer the darkness which formerly rested on the tomb, and the bereaved parents may recognize in this painful separation the hand of a kind Providence in having removed him in his purity

from a world in which he would be exposed to trial and the Contagion of Sin to a world of unalloyed peace and holiness — May his afflicted Parents look to heaven for its Satisfying Consolations and to a reunion there with their "angel boy" — I attended Meetings — Ma Chesh to gave her sympathetic attentions as our nephews and I called there towards ev. and saw the beautiful but now deserted tenement of the departed Spirit — A cold affecting with local internal inflamation the right side of my neck near the artery enjoins upon Care to avoid exposure to colds — On this acct. I did not call to see mother to day 2d day 27 — Rose late for the reason referred to in my closing remarks for yesterday. and rode to and from the Cy. House. Taking the Bank directors Meeting I called at Mothers in my way — Dr. at homes of Course. on acct. of my health —

3d. day 28th. Rose late to avoid exposure in making my toilette, but walked to the Cg. House, calling at Mothers found her not quite well being somewhat troubled with pain in her side and Shoulder — I rode from the Cg. House & had a similar conveyance in my transit in the afternoon — the Soreness in my neck still continuing but a little more circumscribed — my gums a little swelled —

4th. Day 29th Continued my recent habits of late rising — and riding to and from the Cg. House, where I was busily occupied, gave some attention to exhausts. the well at the house on 7th St.

5th. Day 30th — Called at Mothers on my ride to the Cg. House, and found that she was more unwell — the pain in her side and shoulder having prevented her sleeping the early part of the night. Chas. H. was there in the afternoon — Dr. Reed's attendance was had in the eve. Sgt. Beane called to see us.

6th. Day 31st I Spent the forenoon

at the G. House as usual. Calling at Mothers, who had passed a comfortable night and I hope is decided by better. Afternoon attended the funeral Service at our Nephews which was very Satisfactory — The interment was on their own premises near the Site of their new house — I did not go to the grave on account of my health, the local inflamation in my neck still continuing though somewhat abated — I remaind at home through the afternoon, except riding to the G. house to dispose of my boots for the night &c and a Call on the way at Mothers — She continued Comfortable — devoted the ev.g to the Assᵗ. of the Rotch Whf. C.G. of which I am Treasurer — Had a call from Dan.l Ricketson relative to the formation of a benevolent Society to succor the poor & the afflicted —

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7th Day 1st of 2d month — Rode to the Q Hous
Calling at mothers on the way who had
a pretty comfortable night — so that the
prospect is that She may escape a Serious
illness — Engaged thro'out the forenoon at
the Q House in relation to the business
of the Rotet Wharf Co and in the
afternoon attended the Mg of the Sd Co at
the Office of Wm Rotch Jr — Occupied the re-
mainder of the day & Eve in making Copies of
my Meteorological Journal for the two last
months to Send to Professor Espy.

1st Day 3d — after breakfast made a few
errands with reference to the distribution
of Temperance papers through the Sun-
day School Children — attended meet
All at Friends Place of Worship and in the
afternoon made some calls at several
of the Sabbath Schools to leave the Temp
Journals — and made a visit to Henry Russ
to try to encourage him to break off from
his intemperate habit, the interview was
quite Satisfactory and I hope may be
useful — then accompanied my dear

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H. & daughter Mary to the Episcopal Service — at the Close of the usual exercises were performed the funeral Service over the Remains of Wood late the Organist of the Society — at which the house was filled by the Mourners and numerous Spectators from the other Congregations principally the Unitarian — On getting home we found Geo & Susan Howland making a Visit to Father Prior, the latter addressing him in her ministerial Character to his comfort & Satisfaction — I called at Mothers for a few minutes, having been prevented by engagement relating to a Communication with our Sons at Hartford by a Gentleman returning to Phila from Seeing G. & S. Howland — Eve. passed in reading with the Children & having no Calls to interfere with the Subject appropriate to the Sabbath eve — My bro: Wm & Sister Rebecca Called this afternoon in our absence at Church. the former saw Father Prior and the latter Sister Phebe, whose Cold is still oppressive but rather better than

Some days past

2d. day 3d. Spent the morng. in readg. &c and writing to the boys — after breakfast del. letters to Sand. Tobey whose return to Phila. gave me an oppy. to replenish our Londn finances with a little Silver Change which is now readily to be had there as the Banks do not pay their notes in Specie — attended the Anl. Mtg. of Bank Directors and the Anl. Mtg. of the Rail Road Coy — at which it was decided to have the terminus of the Rail Road at Pearl St. instead of my brother Benjamins farm as has been heretofore proposed — Spent most of the remr. of the ~~day~~ afternoon at Mothers with a view to settling her acct. with her man James — Afternoon gave a good deal of time in the search for the Book of Records of Rotchs Wharf Coy. — which is missing but without success remr. of the afternoon till after the hour of tea, at the Coy house mtg. at home. The colds of the several Members of the family with perhaps one exception seem to be passing off.

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3. day 16th Spent the Morng at home forenoon at the Insc Office, Mother and the Lt. House, afternoon party at home attendg. to my duty which is in part injured from the omission to keep the Cellar sufficiently cold when first salted — made inquiry at sundry places to find or get knowledge of the lost Records of Patch Alley Ct. but without success. finished the afternoon at the Lt House, eve at home except a quarter of an hour at the Lyceum to hear part of a lecture by Torrey — Mary's friend Eliza Perry took tea with us and her father called for her late in the eve.g — I learned to day of the safety of the Ship Robman Jr. Dec: at the Cape of Good hope She had not been heard from since about this date (July) last year so that strong fears were entertained respecting her — She was to leave for home in a few days

4th day 5th. Spent the morng. as home
readg. writg &c and devoted the rest
of the day to Cg. Home duties &c
called to see Mother, who had
a poor night — the pain in her
side & shoulder preventing her
sleeping much — Eve'g. as home
readg. the life of Wilberforce to
the family
5th day 6th. Morng. in readg. &c at home
afterbreakfast went to the Mg. of Bank Direc-
tors, called at one or two places, had some
conversation at the Mech's Ins. Office on
the subject of Temperance and the course
of our new Governor & the great Political
Parties in reference to this important
subject — called at Mothers and heard that
she had a comfortable night. but was
not up in the Parlor — home to the Cg.
house where I was employed for the
rem'r of the day &eve'g. the hour of dinner
&c. as home read to the family in
the life of Wilberforce. whose character
combined in an unequaled degree the Christian & the
Statesman

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6th Day 4th. Mg. Ready at home called after breakfast at mothers & thence to the Cg House, after being called to see Mary Taber on business connected with my office as Guardian of the Children - which as usual consumed much time her talking powers being remarkable that. while she occupies most of the time it is spent on topics remotely or not all connected with the subject — Spent the afternoon at the Cg House. Eng. at home. read audibly in the life of Wilberforce

4th day 5th. Morning as usual at home - most of the day at the Cg. House. called to see mother who had not slept well and therefore was not very comfortable though in the Parlor. engaged in reading and giving attention to her concerns — Eve. at home — the latter part spent in continuing the life of Wilberforce — Frank in the house again to day with a return of

1st day 9 Attended Meetings A.M. & P.M. at Friends' House, Rachel H. accomp. me in the forenoon, Mary at Grace Church, Others detained at home by the weather and colds — Brother And.w called between meetings and saw Father Prior — who is pretty well but feeble the damp weather being rather unfavorable for him — I called at the close of the afternoon meeting to see Sister Anna, Mother & Chas — all of whom are invalids but improving, at mothers I met & Drinker talked with her and at Chs of the source of affliction which has visited their Sister Anna in the sudden death of Charles, who died very suddenly at Coopers Town where he was at a boarding School of Scarlet fever, before his mother who was promptly sent for on the 2.d day of his illness could get to him they but 25 miles distant, and the less without delay in getting the message — and on their arr.l there at 2 O'Clk A.M. 10 hours from the departure of the messenger, but he died without apparent consciousness an hour before her arrival — her husband was absent on a visit to Hartford but got back

in time to attend the funeral from his own house on the 31st Ult.o — Evg at home readg. with the Children &c —

2d day 10 Occupied in the Morng. in Reading in the bible &c & in writg. — after breakfast & finishing a letter called at Mothers — She was not able to sleep much the last night and was therefore not very well — The pain in her side & Shoulder by its troubling her mostly when in bed favors the belief that it is of a Rheumatic character — Gave orders for a new scale for my new Ranger — and spent the Remainder of the forenoon at the Cg House where I was also in the afternoon — Evg. at home — Reading the Life of Wilberforce

3d. day 11 — Occupied in reading &c before breakfast — forenoon called at mothers and at the Post Office where I spent the rem.r of the forenoon in reference to the distribution of Temp.ce papers — afternoon at the Cg. House Evg — Read Wilberforce — Mother had rather a sleepless night again & seems therefore poorly

4th day 12th. Occupied at home during the morning and much of the forenoon — then called at mothers and then at the Academy to attend the latter part of the examination of the Scholars for this, the first day of the exam^n — Heard the small class of boys & girls in Arithmetic and reading and the class of Girls & boys in Gramm^r & a class of Girls & boys in Arith^c — The instruction seems to be thorough and very intelligible and the performances of the Scholars were pretty Satisfactory the exercises ended about 2 — to be contin^d to morrow and the day following — Remained at home read^g the papers in Fathers Room after dinner and closed the afternoon at the Cg. Room. Evg at Home read^g the Life of Wilberforce — called late in the Evg as my brother Williams to attend our daughter Mary home — She being there at tea

5th day 13th Morn^g at home, after breakfast went to the Bank Meet^g, to mothers to the Store, and afternoon viz about

noon to the Academy where the semi-
annual examination of the Scholars
was going on — Some time after get-
ting there a recess took place and
the visitors and Scholars were invited
into the hall to partake of a luncheon
which Mr. Beane had provided & wch
formed to all parties an agreeable in-
cident and relaxation from continuous
attention to the exercises, — as well as
a preparation for a protracted sitting
to the close of the examination for the
day — Mrs Chew & was there & Sister
Rebecca — it closed about 3 O'Clk
and was generally satisfactory — Af-
ter dinner — we had a call from
Rebecca Wing & Susan Howland
Lydia Russell, and Sister one from
Mrs Henry Taber — the two former
went to make Father Prior a visit —
— I spent the latter part of the afternoon
in attending to business at the Q. House
& and — devoted the ev'g to finishing
the life of Wilberforce

6th day 14th. Spent the morng at home as usual — after breakfast called at Mothers who was poorly not having been able to sleep much in the night from the recurrence of pain on going to bed — from Mothers I went to the Academy to be present at the examination — which occupied the remainder of the day — I found D. Robbins of Metapoint and brot. him home to dinner — Miss Osgood also dined with us and — the afternoon at the Academy was devoted to the examination of 2 Classes in Geometry and, and Essays and declamation — much as it was there to day & also yesterday — the room was well filled with the friends of the Children and others this afternoon and the exercises and productions of the pupils were in general interesting and satisfactory — Confirming the impression which has been gaining with this Com.y for the last year of the good character of the School

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Qualification of the teachers — Dr. R was full in commendation in his remarks at the close — Evg. at home — read the "life of Hannah More" — me chen H retired early with a head ache

7th day 15 — Morng. at home as usual, then called at mothers and other places on business — She seemed rather more comfortable having had a better night than of late — I spent the remr. of the forenoon & most of the afternoon at the C.J. House. called to see my uncle William on business connected with the Rotch Whg. Co. — Evg. at home, read from the life of H More to Ma & chen H & Sister — Henry is quite unwell to day so as to be under the Doctors hands and therefore unable to give much assistance to Father Pim, who is pretty well for him. Called late in the Evg. at Jriel Perry's to accompany Mary home, she having been there at tea with his friend Elvira

1. Day 16th. Attended meetings at Friends Place of Worship — Ma chen th. Frank — Ellen Ada — Frank Pole — Mary & Sue at the Episcopal — after Mg. called with ma chen th at Friend Rus Tells to see Susan Barney — She is again a mournful Widow — feeling keenly the loss of he Son who has been her hope and her stay — after dinner called at the Second Sabbath Schools to distribute Temp. Papers called also at Mothers She had a good night and appeared brighter than I have recently seen her. Chl & Sa Oak and the Isabel & Betty. Bro. Susan called at the close of the Afternoon Mg. & Matthew Howland in the city — when he had gone ma chen th & self made a Call at Our nephew Th. P Robeson — The usual Wy. Reading as well as the desirable Sabbath occupations much interfered with by the visits —

2. day 17th. Took an early breakfast & went with our little Sue to the Ship —

yard of J. T. Hillman to see a new ship launched but the tide was not high enough and the launch was not attempted — after stopping some time to see the preparations, and the boys who were skating in great numbers pass by and among them our Frank — I stopped with Sue at her grandmother's — who we heard had a comfortable night — then to the Bank and afterward to the C. House where I spent the time till Dinner read. back papers — Pell devoted to the business of the Estate at the C. House &c — Read in the evg. from the life of Hobart & called at Wm. R. Rotch's to attend Mary home

3d. day 18th. Morng. at home. after breakfast called at Mothers, whom I found appearing pretty well though she had not rested so well as the night preceg. the last. — Called also at A. Robeson's and examined his new cooking fixtures — which however has failed in some of its parts and new

ones were in consultation, Spent the Remainder of the forenoon at the Cg House — The New Ship was off on this mornings tide seen only by Frank of our family — After Dinner rode with Frank to my South Lot where the men are at work on the walls — On returning I made a call with him at a Cloth Shop — on my way to the Cg House where I Spent the rem.r of the afternoon in reading — after tea attended the Lecture by M Wiesbitzky on Poland, then a conference with a few friends of Temp.ce with reference to meetings in the different parts of the Town & School Districts — H. Blood Called soon after I got home and Staid late pretty late — Ma chere H having retired early on Acct. of a Cold

4th. day 19th. Spent the Mg in ready do at home at 10 — went with Ma chere H & Children to the Fair of the Ladies of the Episcopal Church — thence to my Sister Anna's on an errand & to my mothers the latter not so well as yesterday having slept poorly — thence to the Cg. House

P.M. Read. at home — & at the Cg. House with the Evg. at home reading the News, mached & with for the Fair and retired early her cold being worse.

5th. Day 20th. Morng. at home, after breakfast to the Bank. & Mothers & to the Cg. House, P.M. to the Fair to make a small purchase for a family who had lost their house by fire — there to the Cg House, Evg. at home Read. the Life of H More & Mached H. so much oppressed with a Cold that she has been confined to the Sofa most of the day and retired early.

6th. Day 21 After the usual morning occupations called at Uncle Williams and Aunt Mary's & Mothers — Mothers cold seemed rather worse her throat being quite sore — Spent the rem.r of the day at the Cg. House, Evg. at home. Edith Perry visiting our Mary — Henry Blood called and staid tea, Jeff Perry also called to attend his daughter home. Ma-

then it is cold a little better than yesterday though very severe —

7th Day 22 — Morning at home, called at Sister Anna's & Mothers, Sister Phebe having made a visit yesterday at mothers & slept at Sister Ai — Then attended to some business relating to my guardianship of A. Tabers children — & returned to dinner without being at the C.H. House — Afternoon at the latter place, and in the ev.g at the meeting of the Whig Association to hear an address by Dr. Baylies of Taunton, On the manner in which Washington triumphed over the Factions of his time which had they succeeded in driving him from the important Station which he held during the Revolutionary Struggle would in all probability have led to a disasterous issue of the Contest — The old Cong.l Meeting House was well filled and I trust the facts then stated, which were new to many and had more or less faded from the recollection of most will, give encourage —

ment to the Patriotic Citizens of the soon present day, to defeat the machinations of the Miserable faction which for the last ten years has misruled this Country — of which, there are now many animating indications

1st Day 23 — Spent the morning after a rather late rising in reading &c Went to the small meeting at the Lyceum Hall, no women and but 12 persons in all, there, it was silent & to me Satisfactory — read to father Prior between meetings from the writings of Jno Gurney — at Spring Street Home P.M. called between meetings to leave some Temp. papers for the Sabbath School children of the Universalist Society to take to their homes — Called also at Mothers — where I saw Benj.n & A. Robeson & who were drawn into & I participated in rather an unseasonable political discussion — Mackerel & the others of the Parker family at home

on acct. of ill health & the unpleasant weather, except Mary & Sue who went once each with Harriet to her meeting (Wm Shaw) and Frank Ade to Friends — I went with Mary to the Meeting at the Baptist Church Cor. Mid. & Pinckney to hear an address before the Benevolent Society recently organized to relieve or mitigate the physical and moral evils to which the most indigent Classes of our Comy. are exposed — It was an interesting occasion and ably treated — showing how much more ought to be done than is done, and the wide and important field which is open for Christian labor, but screened from the sympathies of the Public for want of a little attention of time and thought from personal and selfish pursuits. —

The Poor are permitted in the plans of Divine Providence to give Scope to the development of the Christian Graces in those favored with competence & abundance as well as those tried with indigence, &

were each by the contrast of Christian duty permitted to or impelled to the exercise of their appropriate functions a new face would be put upon Society and greatly increase would be the amount of Social happiness and consistent Self approval, the indication of the divine complacency and favor — — We had as usual too many calls for the most satisfactory appropriation of our time on this day which should be devoted mainly to religious reflection & Self improvement — Eno & Gertrude Hussey — Wm R Roberts & Ellen Rodman, Bro Wm & Sister Sarah L W L Rodman — I saw only the latter, the others occurring between my 2d. day 24th Mg. at home — rising habitually less early than before My late cold — as Jacob has been since furnished with a Key so that he can gain admittance for his morning work with disturbing any one to let him in — My habits in regard to retiring has therefore changed

to a later hour — after breakfast to the Bank. & to mothers, who is better. I then learned that A. Robeson was to leave for Phil.a in an hour or in the 11 Oclk. Stage — I called there in consequence and wrote a letter to our Edmund to be put in the Office at Newyork where he expects to remain a few days — then I went to the Cg House for the rem.r of the forenoon — there again in the afternoon, eve at home — with Company at tea of some of the young folks of our fam.y Conn.r — including Morris Henry Blood & Jul Otis Williams Son of Judge Williams of Taunton — Bro Wm called late in the eve.g for his daughter — they staid pretty late — H. Blood after the others to take leave — he expecting to set off for New Orleans via Boston the day after to-morrow —

3.d day 25.th Spent the Mg. at home, and the business hours of the day principally at the Cg. house, called at mothers, and found her, appearing bright and

comfortable. Went to the Lyceum in the Cg. to hear Benj.n S. Rotch's maiden lecture, the subject was the life and times of Lorenzo de Medicci — the hall was full and all I trust were satisfied, the performance was every way creditable to him, — in matter, style & manner of delivery — ma chere H. whose literary knowledge & taste would render her a better judge of its merits than most of his hearers and whose friendship and intimacy with himself & family heightened the interest which the subject naturally awakened, was, much to her disappointment detained at home with her Cold — Mary went with me — Frank who was visiting at Dr. Reads, I suppose was also there —

4th. Day 26th. Occupied at home as usual in the morning — then called at mothers & spent the rem: of the day principally at the Cg. House. D Pierce has been to

day & yesterday doing sundry jobs at my house particularly in examining and cleaning & oiling the locks throughout the house — he having gone through the same routine almost every year except the last since we have been in it though not exactly in the line of his profession he is more my taste in such things as well as ~~carpen~~ in house joinery of any one whose services I can command — Eng at home hav. bro. Wms family at tea &c

5th day 27 Occupied in the morng in exhausting the air and lamps not usually in action of their contents to prevent the deposite on the metal which impedes the easy adjustment of the wicks & hence the gen. of light when in use — Spent the remainder of the day principally at the C.H. House, in conf. rather than in writ. — as my duties relating to county affairs are not at all in arrear, and the current ~~topics~~ to attentions are of small amount at present — called

at Brothers' — found her appearing bright and comfortable though she had had recourse to an anodyne to ensure sleep last night — called the Dr to see Susan who had slipped yesterday in ascending the Cellar and bruised her back — Has chest & head cold increased so that she has been but little below Stairs, and she was so much worse at my return at 4 o'c. that I called D. Read in again — It was my intention to attend a Temp.ce Meeting in the 3. Sch.l Dis.t but engag.t Father late in looking in upon some indigent families, together with the State of my wife prevented my attendance. — Read from H. Moore Life on how to my Sister — who I am sorry to say is threatened with another aggravation of long standing Symptoms of impaired health by the effects of a Cold

6.th Day 28.th Morning at home as usual then called at the Bank, at Brothers

& and reached the Cg House about
noon — where the remaing. business
hours of the day were spent — princi-
pally in reading — found mother com-
fortable — Ma chem th is perhaps a
little better than yesterday though
she has been confined mostly to her
bed or to a recumbent position in
the Nursery — Evg. at home read
to Sister &c — called at the close
of the evg. at B. W. Morgan's to at-
tend on daughter Mary home she has
been there at tea

7th Day 29th At home before breakfast
read &c — after gave some attention to my
farming operations, then made sundry calls
on business — and at mothers, who was
comfortable, thence to the Cg House —
— Pell called with Sue & Ellen at a
Shoe Store, thence to the Cg House &c
Evg. at home, called to attend Mary
from her Uncle Williams — Ma chem th
better to day so as to have sat up most
of the time in the nursery — Dr. Reads

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examined and re-Vaccinated several of the Children and three of the family on account of the prevalence of the Small pox & Varioloid in several parts of the Town Thos. W. Brown died of it yesterday — The book of Records of the Retch Wharf Mg. which has been missing since 8 I know not how long before, the late am. Mg — was this day brot to me. from its Safe deposite in the Fire Proof chest of the Rec.

1st day 3 Mo. 1 — Morning reading &c as usual, Attended Mett. at Friends place of worship with Frank — Mary at the Episcopal Ch. Alls. Pell with her Cousin Ellen at the Un. Mg — Mrs Chace H better to day but confined to the nursery where She saw our Niece Ann Robeson & Sister Sarah who called, the former between Mg. & the latter with her Children Isabel & Betty — after the decease of Benj. & Joanna Rotch Ann Robeson & his Sister Martha & Eliz. Rodman, & Ellen & Walter Mitchell called also — I called at mothers after the Mg. was in the Nursery — found her comfortable

Sister P. considerably affected by a cold
Father Prior whom A.R.J. called to see is
—bravely to day — made a call at N. Wilkins
2d day 2d Went early in the Morng. to my bro.
Wm's to see N. Wilkin who has for the last
week yielded to his intemperate habits
from which he has abstained for about 5 mos
viz, since the death of his wife — expos-
tulated with him but without much sat-
isfaction he promised to call at my C.J. House
at noon — read &c as usual before break-
fast, — Called at some places on busines
, at mothers, & thence to the C.J. House
— Wilkins came as he promised but the
interview was of the same unsatisfactory
character as this Morng — He wanted a want
of Candor and of truth — His case seems
very hopeless — Afternoon at the C.J.
House, Eve at home, read. my Anti Slav.
very Paper — Mackay &c. rather
better — Still in the Nursery
3d day 3d — Read &c before breakfast
called at mothers and Spent the rem.
of the day principally at the C.J. House

Attended at the Lyceum meeting in the ev'g with Mary & Frank. to hear Wm. J. Potts's lecture on the Peqoud war which was a successful effort and satisfied the audience and his numerous friends — the Hall was full — Walter Mitchell took tea & went and returned with us — Ma chere H, better: Mother comfortable

4th day 4th Morn'g. at home as usual — the business hours of the day till rather late at the C. House, ev'g at home Ma chere H, still above Stairs. read to Sister E. from H. Mores Life

5th day — Occupied as usual, before breakfast, there to Bank, Mothers and the C. House &c — after tea. rode with Jn°. F. Emerson to attend a small temperance meeting in the 3d. School District at the House of Gammon — had a free & satisfactory conference on the great subject — the Rev. Mr. Spear Jas. Congdon Wm. Nichol & Rodney Frey were there in addition to the neighbors

+ in some mech.l business

includ[d]. quite a number of Children
— Several individuals of the neighborhood
addressed the Meeting — Got home
about ½ after 9 — The Meet[g]. on this
W[y]. week to be held at the Col. Bap-
tist Church at the West extremity of
Mid. St — our niece Ellen with us at tea, called to see her father.

6th day 6th Occupied most of the
forenoon in adjusting the purchase
of the Mangle — fitting a new rope
of larger size and, taking measures
to guard against its chafing in the
iron eyes of attachment — Afternoon
at the C[y]. house after some work with
the blow pipe to bend the extremity of one
of my ther[o]. tubes to prevent its slipping
on the Scale — For want of Skill I
broke the tube by a too sudden an
application of the heat — the air was then
by admitted, but I nevertheless sealed
it again thinking that it might still
answer for the limited range of the
atmosphere for which it was wanted
— Called as I returned to tea at Mary

Tubes when I was detained after the Ten hour of the family — We Spent in reading from the life of Hannah More to Mamma & Sister the former being down first below Stairs since her indisposition. Mary at tea as her Uncle Williams 4th day 7th Mg & part of the forenoon Read. at home — then to mothers — the Math.[2] Instr.[t] makes his about 9 thermom.[r] &c & to the Cg House — afternoon at the Cg House, Wg. at home —

1st Day 8th Attended Mg. All at the Bethel. called after at mothers & D. Roberson's, the latter having just returned (day last eve.g.) from Phil.[a] & Baltimore. his brother Jonathan coming with him — he informs us that our cousin Eliza Barker has had a paralytic attack as he was informed by aunt Hazard — She is with her family at New Orleans — Went to Spring Street (Friends) Mg in the afternoon with Mary & Frank the former having been with Sue at

Grace Ch. in the Morn but the Sermon was omitted on acct. of the indisposition of the minister Mr. Snow — Ch. & Sarah called here at the close of the afternoon Service on Mr. Prescott in the Evg. after we had gone through with the usual Family Worship We on this Evg. of the week — My leisure has been partly occupied in writing to the boys —

2d. day 9th Morng. at home writing a letter for Frank — forenoon Spent at home in calling at Mothers, at A. Robeson's to see his bro. Jona. & at another place in my way to the Ct House — Afternoon partly Spent at home — then made some Calls to enquire about a Lathe for my boys & my own use — and finished at at the Ct. room — Evg. at home — read in the life of H. More to ma. then H & Sister — Mr. Wiersbicke called to take leave, previous to leaving Town to teach the French Language in Providence. I called afterward to accompany Mary from Jirah Perry's

3. day 10th Morning Spent at home — forenoon in attend. to some domestic occasions, and mong. the lathe which I think of purchasing to a Machine Shop for examination and to be perfected in some particulars and have some apP.s addedd — called at Mothers on my way to the Cg House — afternoon at the latter place of business — Evg. attended a lecture at the Baptist Church on Middle St Cor. Purchase. to hear a lecture by Russell on the Signs of the times — which he thinks proves that the end of time is at hand which consummation he thinks is to be in 1864 — Sister Eliza Spent the evg. and took tea with the family — after I had gone to the lecture

4th day 11th — Morng. Spent in readg. &c at home. forenoon called at mothers on my way to the Cg House where I remained ready till the Dinner hour afternoon Similarly occupied there except walking to Sundry places

principally to enquire about and see a man with reference to filling James' place in our service who expects to leave in 3 weeks — thought I failed to see him — I made my walks subservient to some other objects — Wm. at home ready. in the Life of H Moore — called late to attend our Dr. Mary from her Aunt Morgans but was detained there by the late dispersion of the small company till 11/2 O'Clk or there abouts —

5th. Day 12th. At home ready to before breakfast as usual — then to 13 and 4 N. Robeson's, & mothers. and Cy House till Dinner — Afternoon as the Cy House and other places in course of business. Eve. as a temp.e Mt. at the African Meeting house, which was but moderately attended but interesting and I trust it will be profitable in advancing the great cause of temperance and its Kindred Virtues, by bringing more fully to bear upon them the light of Truth

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6th day 13th Morng. at home — Forenoon attendg. to business called at Mothers, and at the Mg House — Afternoon principally at home — having Jonathan Robeson to dine with us — called with him at Jos Grinnells. after which I spent a little time at the Mg House and made a call at D. R Pierces to inquire [illegible] of an alteration in the plan of converting a part of our S.E. 3d. Room into a work shop — made at the suggestion of our friend J.R. whose visit was very pleasant to us — We find him the same amiable and pleasand unpretending and friendly man that he was 30 years ago when I first knew him — amid all the changes he is unchanged — an agreeable incident in these latter days of metamorposes in Character — Perry Russell called in the Mg. on business and gave us his company very satisfactorily for an hour or more

He is a man whom I highly respect.
— I afterward made an attempt to visit our neighbors J. P. Mold's family but found their reading Society there and withdrew — finishing the ev. with the "Life of Hannah More".
4th day 14th Spent the M.g. about home work. He also thus occupied till some time after breakfast, then made some calls to distribute Temp.ce Papers with reference to the Sabbath Schools on my way to the C.g. House — after Dinner rode with Ina Chen & Sister Phebe & Lee — Mary & Frank walking — to Thos. Robbins new House — presuming that we should find some of the family there so that we might go through the establishment but in this we were disappointed and had to return without accomplishing our object — I then passed the rem.r of the afternoon at the C.g. House — and after a late tea from detention for a settlement with a laborer, I went to Uncle Williams to see my Cousin M. Emery

1st day 15th — Took a walk to the Jail &c after breakfast to distribute or leave for distribution through the Sabbath Schools some temperance Papers — Attended meetings at Friends House — in the afternoon Edm.d Quincy from Boston was there and a notice was given by Jno. Bailey of a lecture by him on Slavery this ev.g — Attended the S. lecture at the Meth. Congl. Mtg. House, which was respectably attended and — and the lecture interesting — his manner very deliberate and solemn —

2. day 16th — Occupied in the morning as usual — after breakfast, to Bank & then rode with ma Cha H Sister & Son & Ellen to Thos. Robeson's house and made a full and satisfactory examination of arrangements, then gave some attention to business and called at A. Robeson's to see Edmund Quincy but did not see him left at our dinner hour and as I did not meet him on the way and was therefore

doubtful of my being at our house at ten as I wished — I returned and dined with him and spent the afternoon at R R's — and became more acquainted with his true hearted and conscientious young man — he has the same quiet manner that might be expected from his style in Public. — Jno. H. Morrison called in the afternoon to converse with him in regard to his severe reflections on the Clergy — for declining to aid the Antislavery Cause or to announce lectures on the Subject from the Pulpit — M. objected to the plain denunciatory language used by abolitionists towards Slave holders and those who were dumb in the cause of the Slave from motives of Policy — maintaining that it was better to approach the end to be gained indirectly, to hold out the general principles of Christianity and leave the application by the individual, in this way their prejudices would not resist the evidence of truth which in the case of a direct application of harsh

epithets there w.d be a barrier to the attainment of the object — E.L. contended that the best way was to debate evil and Sin with perfect candor as the most likely way to gain access to the mind and conviction of the offender — I thought the latter had the best of the argument — I went to the C.J. House for a short time and returned home to tea & spent the ev.g in read.g from the life of the more to Read Chev H & Sister —

Sday 17 Spent the morn.g pleasantly in writ.g including a letter for little Ellen to her bro.r Ed.d to go by Jon.a Robeson contin.d at home through the forenoon read the Papers &c the weather being rainy & C.J. House business not pressing — Pell called at mothers and spent half an hour at the C.J. House attended the Lyceum in the ev.g — lecture by J.H. Drinker on Chatterton — very creditable for so young a man — the weather unpleasant &c

the Audience in consequence not so large as it would otherwise have been

4th. Day 18th Spent the morning and forenoon at home writing letters to Phil.a & Haverford &c to go by J. Roberts — dined with Sister Phebe and & Jos. M. Roberts as C. M. Morgan's and examined the premises Grapery Garden &c &c ren.d of the afternoon and eve.g Spent in preparg. to make collection for the Port Society M.r Mudge called in the afternoon on business

5th. Day 19th Walked before breakfast to see a man in regard to filling Jacobs Place in my Service — after breakfast to Bank & gave attention to my Lame horse by getting M.r Silvester the Smith & Farrier to examine the Swelled ancle (the off hind) he judged it caused by inflamation consequent on bruises (by his interfering) orders poultices of round turnips — latter part of the forenoon & afternoon at the City Home principally occupied in reference to the Concerns of the Port Society. Called at Brothers on my way home and was there engaged till

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after the Mail hour in business connected with kind acts for the benefit the late Elisha Coffin of Easton N York — this accomplished I repaired to the Mg. of the Friends of Lumpa at the Universalist Mg. Hse. when it was nearly over — It was not large but I was told it was interesting and it may be hoped it will be somewhat useful to the good Cause —

6th day 20th — Occupied at home in reading &c before breakfast — called at Mothers. the Bank &c &c on my way to the C. House where I was occupied during the business hours of the day called and took tea [water] at Mothers to be in season at the Mg. of the Ex Board of the Port Society — then returned home — and late in the ev went to my bro: Wms to wait upon our Daughter Mary who dined &c there — Ma chere H. has again a bad Cold — probably consequent on being out two much in the air since her late Confinement to the house — Our Children had a party of little folks yesterday

7th day 21st Occupied in the morng at home, and after some calls at Mr Thess's — went with Jacob to the Machine Shop of Gifford & Tripp with Jacob to bring home the lathe which I have had them put in order — having deposited it in the School Room, a portion of which is to be appropriated for a work shop by running a partition across from the east side or casing of the window — I went with J. to the Store to get a grind Stone to be used with one kept at the house to be re-adjusted, by the substitution as a shop of the frame for the 2d to the 1st Stone and by fitting a new one to the spool and adding a treadle for the motion — remained till late dinner as the Q. Home — had a call while at dinner from Dr Hardy from Phila who bro. letters of Introduction & testimonials of medical qualifications — from Our Haverford friends and from Physicians of high Stand

ing — with reference to establishing him
self in the practice of his profession
here if he should find sufficient
encouragement to warrant the attempt
— I was obliged to excuse myself &
leave him to be entertained by Ma-
ry Ann & sister after spending half
an hour with him — rem[d] of the
afternoon spent in business relating
principally to the Relief Wharf &c
and to the collection of funds for
the N.Y.B.P.Soc[y]. for the M. I. U Sem[y].
— Jon[a] Roberts drank tea and
spent the ev[g]. with us, brother
Andrew calling the latter part of
the ev[g]

1st day 22. Attended Meetings AM & PM
at Friends House — and heard very satisfacto-
rily Charles Osborne an elderly friend from
Indiana — He called at my invitation
at the close of the afternoon Meeting to see
father, to whom he made a satisfactory
visit, Geo. Howland where he lodges bearing
him company — his travelling companion

Lyo. Evans also from Indiana, remained in the Parlor while the others were in Fathers' room, it being his choice so to do — Wy. at home, in readg de— latter part in writing letters to go to N York by Jon.a Robeson, who leaves for Phil.a to morrow — The cold of mo chem H. considerably oppressive —

2.d day 23.d Occupied in the Morng. in writing to the boys in relation to their journey homeward under the Care of their Uncle Edmund — the latter with others to go by Jon.a Robeson — which I handed to him as he was about leavg. the house to get into the Stage — after breakfast I went to the Bank and took measures for facilitating by havg. forms of receipts printed, my acknowledgment to contributors to the funds of the Port Society the amount of their respective payments — Called at Mothers, and Spent the remainder of the business hours of the day principally at the Cg. House. Wy. at home

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reading the late papers — This is the last record which I shall make in my Forty Eighth year, as to morrow will be my 48th anniversary of my birth — when I shall if Spared through the night enter upon my 49th. year — Thus by the evidence of the Calendar I have attained the full meridian of life, and my course will henceforth if not suddenly eclipsed be like the Sun descending in the Western Sky till it sinks beneath the horizon — with no probability however that like the orb of day an equal Span will be measured in my descending progress estimated by the revolutions of that glorious luminary — while vastly greater will be the disparity, in any event, when measured by my own perceptions of duration. — I have however now lived much longer than the average of human life — and been favored in my circumstances much beyond the common lot — my responsibility therefore for the talents

entrusted to me is proportionally enhanced
— This is a reflection which brings with
it feelings of disgratisfaction — and re-
proofs of conscience — How should I
have been impressed at the age of 17
if I had been told that in 31 years I
should be after the numerous facil-
ities for Self improvement which I have
had by a kind Providence bestowed
upon me, — that I should be not much
wiser and but little if any better
than at that comparatively early stage
of my Pilgrimage — But with the
unpleasant sensations this thought
inspires — I have cause to bless God
that I have to some extent been de-
sirous and striving for the wise im-
provement of my time and talents
& that I have not more occasion for
more pungent remorse — I must
strive however to double my di-
ligence to make my Calling & Elec-
tion sure — may the Grace of our
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ sus-

town and bless my endeavors —
not only for my own Spiritual
progress, but for that of all those
with whom my lot is associated
by divine Providence; — in the
domestic circle and in the more
ample and progressively expand-
ing limits which embrace kin-
dred friends, community and hu-
manity at large; — in the perceptible
or evanescent degrees which at
best must characterise the efforts of
so obscure and humble an individual
within the limited range of his
finite powers. — Ma Chere H
is yet afflicted with Symptoms of
a severe Cold — and Frank has
been kept in the house these two days
past with some tendency to Croup.
but the danger seems passing away

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